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THE LEGISLATIVE BILL.

SIGNS OF DIVISION IN THE DEMOCRATIC RANKS—A SHARP STRUGGLE WITH THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ANTICIPATED—THE POSITION OF THE REPUBLICANS ON THE SUBJECT UNKNOWN.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—There seems to be an organized opposition among some of the Democratic members to the reduction proposed in the clerical force of the House by the Legislative Appropriation bill. The amendment proposed by Mr. Waddell, of North Carolina, which is now pending, provides that the force of the Clerk's office shall remain nearly as it is under the existing law, both in pay and numbers. This is the gage of battle thrown down by the opposition on the Democratic side to the Committee on Appropriations, and there will be a sharp struggle to secure its adoption. The opposition believe if they can make a breach in this paragraph of the bill they can carry other amendments raising the figures reported by the committee. Randall and his followers recognize the importance of this movement, and are determined to fight it at every step. Should the Waddell amendment be adopted Randall will move to recommit the bill, with instructions to report the original paragraph, and upon that will demand the yeas and nays. Randall is confident Waddell's amendment will be rejected, but if a considerable number of Republican members will vote with the opposition it is probable the amendment will be adopted, and thus the Committee on Appropriations may sustain a signal defeat. The position of the Republican members on this question is unknown. Their only object in voting for it would be to open a breach in the committee's bill which would lead to other amendments.

A NEW CURRENCY BILL PROPOSED.

ITS PASSAGE TO BE EFFECTED BY A COMBINATION OF DEMOCRATS AND REPUBLICANS—THE PROVISIONS OF THE BILL.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Renewed efforts are to be made, by a combination of Democratic and Republican strength, to pass some kind of a currency bill. Mr. Chittenden and Mr. Willis, of New-York, have taken the matter in hand, and last night gave a dinner to several members of Congress, including Prof. Seelye, Messrs. Wheeler, Foster, Burchard, Kasson, Morrison, Randall, Hewitt, and Benjamin Hill. Tucker, of Virginia was invited, but was not present. Blaine was out of town, and Cox was also among the absentees, though invited. It is no: seemingly possible that any scheme, however prepared or supported, can now pass the House, but all attempts of this character have their day or special interest. It does not appear that any agreement was made, but views were interchanged and compared, and, as the result of the conversation, a bill may perhaps be brought before the House from Mr. Morrison's Committee on Ways and Means. The bill proposed is not by any means an expression of the views of all the gentlemen present, but it is ardently supported by some of them as a measure that would produce specie payments, and as one possible to be passed in the House. It authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to sell for legal tenders, to be immediately canceled and destroyed, on the first Tuesday of each month, from February to September, inclusive, in the City of New-York, to the highest bidder, bonds of the United States to the amount of $3,000,000, bearing interest semi-annually, at the rate of four and one-half per cent., the principal of the bonds to be paid in thirty years in gold coin.

THE FINANCIAL QUESTION.

AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE INDORSEMENT FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Mr. Bright, of Tennessee, intends, it be can be recognized, to-morrow to offer in the House a resolution upon the financial question, with the purpose of committing his party to the theories of the Pennsylvania Democratic platform. His resolution will be simply the sixth and seventh planks of that platform, which declare that the statute for the resumption of specie payments on the 1st of January, 1879, is impossible to execute, as it is a deliberate proclamation that at that date the United States will go into bankruptcy, that it paralyses industry, creates distrust of the future, turns the laborer and producer out of employment, and is a standing threat upon business men, and ought to be forthwith repealed; that gold and silver are the only true basis for the currency of the Republic, and that Congress should take such steps for the resumption of specie payments as will most surely and speedily reach that result without destroying the business interests of the people. He will undertake to have the resolution considered under a suspension of the rules, and thinks that it can be passed. The inflationists seem to think that the Pennsylvania platform upon this subject is concession enough to the hard money men of both the House and the Senate, and cite the fact that it was prepared by Senator Wallace, who is a hard money man, after the consultation with the party leaders in both houses. Mr. Bright may not get the floor, but the proposition is none the less interesting.

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT LOAN.

ANOTHER LOT OF DISPATCHES SENT OUT BY THE COMMITTEE—THE REAL FACTS IN THE CASE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—There are sent out to-night another lot of the dispatches relative to the management of the foreign account of the Navy Department. The Committee on the Real Estate Pool hold them in reserve to dole out from time to time as they may serve a partisan purpose. They have a few important dispatches only, which they captured in the telegraph office, part of them in cipher. Secretary Robeson is understood to have expressed a willingness to furnish the committee all the dispatches on the subject, fully deciphered. They prefer to use a part in the hope to effect a temporary party purpose. The simple fact is the placing of money abroad to make foreign payments is wholly outside the statute. It is a matter of custom and necessity. The duty of the Secretary is to see that no loss occurs. The change of the account from the Barings was unfortunate, but the affair with Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co. was so conducted that the Government is secure in every dollar. There cannot possibly be a case made against the Secretary in this matter unless it is shown he was bribed to secure his action, and no one has ventured yet to intimate a charge of that kind. The appearance of the new story to-morrow may have some connection with an election in Connecticut.

PAY AND STRENGTH OF THE ARMY.

THE REDUCTION BILL AND THE DANGER IT MAY LEAD TO—POSSIBLE RESTORATION OF REBEL OFFICERS TO THE SERVICE.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The passage of the bill reducing salaries in the Army has naturally created a good deal of feeling and opposition among those affected by the bill, and among their immediate friends. The salaries in the Army are not generally believed to be too large, and in the lower grades are less than young men similarly educated are generally able to command in the civil service or private employment. The reduction of the Army to 20,000 is a serious affair and deserves particular consideration. It is difficult for any one not absolutely familiar with all the uses of the Army, and the capability of the number already on the rolls to perform the necessary duty, to judge whether the resolution is wise or unwise. The reduction of 5,000 last year by the Republican Congress has not seemed to impair the efficiency of the Army service, though there has been no little complaint on that account. The bill passed by the House seems not to have received much consideration, and was simply a measure to carry out the purpose of that body to cut down expenses. There may be a motive for the action much deeper than the surface. Retrenchment is the purpose declared, and while it would not be fair to charge upon a large body of men a base motive without the best of proof, there seems to be ground at least to inquire whether there is not some basis for the suggestion that the ex-Confederates expect that in case the Democrats should obtain control of the Government next year, the Army will be found to have been reduced too much, and that the increased number then ordered will be officered by the Brigadier Generals of the late Confederate forces. A few months ago the friends of a certain ex-Confederate General in the Senate were not at all anxious to conceal their hope that in the next Administration he would be Secretary of War, and it was stated to be his ambition to obtain that appointment. There can be no doubt that under a Democratic administration the Southern people would demand the control at least of the Army or the Navy. The dismissal of officers under the House bill is another subject that has moral grounds for not overlooking it.

RIVER AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS

THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL COMPLETED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE—THE AGGREGATE REDUCTION RECOMMENDED.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The River and Harbor Appropriation bill was completed by the House Committee on Commerce late Saturday evening, and will be reported to the House to-morrow morning. The bill appropriates in the aggregate one million less than last year, making it about five and a half millions, and does not, therefore, meet the ideas of the more extreme economists on the Democratic side. The committee, however, expect that they will be able to carry it through, and will make the attempt to have it passed to-morrow under a suspension of the rules. The reductions made in the recommended appropriations are mostly in the East, and the South and West are taken care of at the expense of the former section. Nearly all the reductions are made from the amount required for improvements in the East. Hell Gate gets $200,000 this year, against $250,000 last, and Harlem River, between the Hudson and Ward's Island, $15,000, an increase of $5,000 over last year. Taking the bill as a whole, it is much more liberal than was expected, and very few if any of the appropriations are reduced enough to disturb the various contractors.

THE HEAD-STONE CONTRACTS.

HOW THE AWARD WAS MADE—INDICATIONS THAT THE EX-SECRETARY OF WAR WAS INNOCENT OF FRAUD IN LETTING THE CONTRACTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The investigation into the soldiers' head-stone contracts has gone far enough to indicate substantially that no fraud, at least on the part of the Secretary of War, in connection with the letting or execution of the contract can be proved to exist. The bids were opened by Gen. Meigs, but the award was made as the law specified by the Secretary of War. There were to be two kinds of head-stones, or rather head-stones and blocks, the former to be placed at the graves of the known dead and the latter at the graves of the unknown, and to be marked with numbers from which reference could be made to books giving all the information in the possession of the department concerning each. The blocks were less expensive than the head-stones. The bidders generally bid for head-stones and blocks, including both in the same bid at the same price. A bidder named Sage bid for the head-stones and blocks separately. The contract was divided between four men. Bridges, Morgan, and Jones, each having a portion of contract for the head-stones, and the contract for the blocks was awarded to Sage, whose bid was $2 42 for blocks, and $5 for head-stones. The accepted bids for head-stones were $3 56, $3 40, and $3 39 each. It is claimed that the giving of the contract for blocks to Sage saved upward of sixty thousand dollars in the contracts. It came about that none of the contractors had the means to fulfill their contracts, and there was a prospect of the advertising and awards having to be done over again; and it appears that the Sheldons and Slason, large marble worker of West Rutland, Vt., practically assumed the entire contract by agreeing to furnish the various contractors marble and money for the expenses of finishing, setting, &c. This firm taking power of attorney to draw the money under the contract as security for their advances. There was also an agreement that if the profits were over a certain amount, which covers the interest on the capital employed and very little besides, it shall go to the original contractors, Bridges, Morgan, Jones, and Sage. It is reported by the Sheldons that there will probably be very little or nothing to pay to the three former, but Sage's contract for the blocks will make some profit. The Rutland firm are large and reputable dealers in marble, and it would have been practically impossible for the contracts to have been fulfilled if they had not made the arrangement to perform the entire service. The view entertained by Gen. Meigs, at the time of the awards, was that a bid for Italian marble should be accepted, though it was higher than the bids of the contractors, his belief being that the people would prefer that the entire $1,000,000 appropriated should be spent in procuring the best head-stones possible. The Secretary of War appears to have been ambitious to return $100,000 or more of the appropriation to the Treasury. It has since been claimed that the Italian marble would have been cheaper on account of the cost of duties which the Government would have received, but as finished marble is admitted free of duty, the lettering would have been done before they were imported, and this item of duties would thus have been lost to the Government. There is yet some further testimony being taken by the committee, but there is no doubt that it will substantiate the foregoing. Men of high character who know the facts and have carefully reviewed the evidence say that it is impossible any fraud should have been committed by Secretary Belknap in connection with these contracts.

THE PUBLIC DEBT STATEMENT.

A CONSIDERABLE DECREASE FOR THREE QUARTERS OF THE PRESENT FISCAL YEAR REPORTED—BALANCES IN THE TREASURY—CUSTOMS AND REVENUE RECEIPTS.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The March debt statement shows that the public debt has decreased for the month $4,240,867, and for the nine months ending March 31, $17,969,286. This reduction is within $1,000,000 of being twice the amount of reduction for the corresponding nine months of last year, and nearly $4,000,000 more than the total reduction for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1875. With March 31, three quarters of the present fiscal year were closed. The reduction by quarters for the past three quarters was as follows: Quarter ended Sept. 30, $6,222,499; Dec. 31, $2,634,032; March 31, $9,112,955. The ordinary expenditures of the Government for March were $12,450,866, and the total for the nine months $125,763,697, which is $8,500,000 below the expenditures for the corresponding nine months of the last fiscal year. These figures do not include the interest on the public debt. Unless the House of Representatives brings in an unusually large deficiency bill during the present session, it is certain that the reduction in the public debt for the present fiscal year will be over twenty-five million dollars.

The coin balance in the Treasury at the close of business on Friday last, including coin certificates, was $73,756,794. Deducting the coin certificates, $32,337,000, and $14,000,000 in silver bullion and coin, leaves the available gold balance in the Treasury on April 1, $26,319,794. Compared with the balance March 1 this is an increase of $4,209,021. The currency balance was $5,965,626, a decrease of $3,563,778 compared with the balance on March 1. During the month there has been a decrease in legal tenders of $188,144, and in fractional currency of $2,515,239. The total decrease in legal tenders since July 1, 1875, to March 31, 1876, has been $5,016,332. In the same time there has been an increase in fractional currency of $475,469.

The reported Customs receipts for March were $13,930,792, against $15,918,059 for the corresponding month of last year. The internal revenue receipts last month were $8,171,517, against $8,244,225 for March, 1875. The total Customs receipts for the past nine months were $113,732,372, and the total internal revenue receipts, $83,640,906, making an aggregate from these two sources of $197,373,278. In order to realize the Secretary's estimates presented to Congress in his last annual report, we will have to receive during the current quarter from Customs over forty-two millions, or $14,000,000 each month, and from internal revenue over thirty-six millions, or $12,000,000 each month. This is more than can reasonably be expected, and it is, therefore, almost certain that the receipts from these two sources for the present fiscal year will be at least $8,000,000 below the estimates.

The Treasurer's books show for the month of March the amount of circulating notes issued to new national banks was $474,210, and during the same month there was surrendered by national banks circulating notes to the amount of $6,338,430, showing a contraction in national bank circulation for the month of $5,864,220. The total contraction in national bank circulation for the nine months ended March 31, was $21,139,502.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

THE WINSLOW EXTRADITION CASE—A HOUSE COMMITTEE CLERK IN TROUBLE—QUARTERMASTER GENERAL MEIGS — THE PRESIDENT'S REAL ESTATE—BELL'S TESTIMONY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—In the extradition case of Winslow the Government has received no further advices from Great Britain since the first intimation that the Government would decline to return the criminal except on a guarantee of compliance with the act of Parliament, which required that he should be tried for no other crime than that for which he was extradited.

The Clerk of the Committee on Military Affairs of the House is to be investigated under a resolution passed on Saturday. Gen. Banning had heard of the charges and of the impending resolution, and intended to dismiss his clerk, Boughton, on Monday. This he will do, and will then investigate. The charge is that Boughton, as a Government Revenue Assessor in the South, allowed an illicit distilling business to be carried on and shared in the profits.

Gen. Meigs returned yesterday, and took charge of the office which he vacated when he went to Europe, and he is now again acting in his proper position as Quartermaster General. Gen. Rufus Ingalls will return to his former position in New-York. The return of Gen. Meigs is cordially welcomed. He will be examined before the Military Committee on Wednesday.

President Grant purchased, two or three years since, 15,000 square feet of ground extending 133 feet along Rhode Island avenue and 143 feet along Vermont avenue, and fronting the P street circle, paying for it $22,315 50. He had intended to have commenced the erection of a substantial residence this year on this lot, and to have had it ready for his occupation in March, 1877. But recent events have evidently disgusted him with Washington life, so the lot has been sold, and he will probably settle on his homestead near St. Louis, called Wish-ton-wish. Mrs. Grant is said to be especially anxious to escape from the hollow-hearted society of this metropolis.

The testimony of Detective Bell is likely to cause a great deal of further investigation to prove whether it is false or true. All the statements are contradicted by one person or another. The fact still remains that he had the lucky cipher in his possession, and that after his appointment he was treated in a very unusual way in the matter of leave of absence. He claims to be able to sustain all he has said by documents and otherwise. When the President was first informed of the story Bell had told to the prosecuting officers during the trial and on the very day perhaps that the cipher was published in the *Herald*, he derided the idea that Bell would have any information. No one can assign a motive for the course Bell has pursued as he was refused any pay for his information before he gave it, the prosecution fearing he was laying a trap for them. His testimony needs corroboration, but it has not yet been denied on the stand. A cloud of witnesses will appear against him.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—President Grant, although not confined to the bed, keeps his room, and receives no visitors. Some of his intimate friends say his sickness is owing to a return of periodical neuralgia. Rev. Dr. Newman to-day prayed for his recovery.

The Committee of Ways and Means yesterday completed its action on the clauses of the Morrison Tariff bill relating to iron and steel, the only amendments to which are the following: The insertion after pig iron of the words "Spiegel Eisen Iron." But the committee has not yet fixed the duty. Squares of iron and steel, three cents per pound; wood screws less than two inches and more than one inch in length, six cents; and one inch or less in length, eight cents per pound. The duty on wood screws two inches or over in length has been changed from five to four cents a pound. No amendments have been made in lead. On Tuesday the committee will consider the copper provisions.

Judge Bradley, of the Supreme Court, presided at the annual meeting of the American Tract Society this evening. Secretary Shearer made a statement of the society's operations, and addresses were delivered by the President of the Senate, Mr. Ferry, Hon. J. H. Seelye, Prof. Edward W. Clark, late of Japan, and Rev. Dr. Chamberlain, of India. The receipts from donations and legacies exceed $100,000, and from sales of books, tracts, and periodicals over $300,000. The grants of tracts average over 1,500,000 pages per week. About two hundred colporteurs have been employed, chiefly in the South and West, and Texas, Utah, and the Pacific Coast are represented to be very hopeful fields.

Gov. Morton to-day received the full text of the resolution of the Republican State Convention of Mississippi, referring to himself as follows:

Resolved, That in behalf of those we represent, we tender our gratitude to Senator O. P. Morton for the interest he has manifested in the protection of Southern Republicans in their personal freedom, and in the sacred right of free speech and a free ballot, and that he is entitled to our thanks and our gratitude for his devotion to these principles.

Senator Morton will to-morrow introduce a bill to amend the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution, and remove the objections to the act set forth in the late decision of the Supreme Court.

Several days ago the President vetoed a bill for the relief of James A. Hile, of Missouri, on the ground that Mr. Hile, according to his own statement under oath, deserted during the late war. It was considered that if the bill should become a law it would be an injustice to every soldier who served honorably with his command until his services were no longer required by the Government.

It appears from an official document that the deficiencies in the various departments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1876, will be as follows: Treasury Department, $444,676 53; War Department, $1,703,055 49; Interior Department, $505,584 66; Department of Justice, $41,505 02; Judicial, $65,650.

THE REAL ESTATE INVESTIGATIONS.

THE COMMITTEE AND ITS WILLING AND UNWILLING WITNESSES—LETTER OF G. J. HILLYER TO THE COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—It has been stated that the real estate pool committee did not examine witnesses on Saturday, because all of them desired to be excused. This is an error. Hon. Charles A. Eldridge on the 15th of March addressed a letter to the Chairman of the committee, giving a full account of his connection with the real estate transaction, and asking to be summoned to appear before the committee. Two days afterward he was subpœnaed to appear on the Saturday following. He appeared accordingly, but was informed by the committee that they did not want him at that time. He again applied on Friday last to be examined the next day, and was again told by the Chairman he would not be needed at that meeting. Mr. Eldridge informed the Chairman that he knew all about the pool, being one of five members composing it. Mr. Hillyer, one of the parties whose papers are called for by the *subpœna duces tecum* to the members of the firm of Kilbourn & Lotta, also on Friday sent to the Chairman of the committee the following letter, to which he has not received a reply:

WASHINGTON, March 31, 1876.

To Hon. J. M. Glover, Chairman of the Select Committe on the Real Estate Pool:

SIR: In the subpœna *duces tecum* served on the firm of Kilbourn & Latta, there is a special call for the books and papers relative to the real estate purchased by Sunderland, Hillyer, and Stewart, and standing in the name of J. M. Latta, Trustee. With respect to this property I know as much as any one, and I am very ready to tell everything relating to it which the committee may desire to hear. About four weeks ago I appeared before the committee while in session and stated my willingness to testify, and was then informed by you that the committee would determine this at some future time. I propose to leave home for California to-morrow (Saturday) night, and if my testimony is desired I would like to be examined before that time, but could wait till Monday night to suit the convenience of the committee. I will state to you generally that this property, consisting of unimproved lots in the north-western part of the city, and of which the purchase price was about six hundred and fifty thousand dollars, belongs exclusively to Mr. Sunderland and myself, and no one else has ever, directly, had an interest in it or connection with us except the small interest once held by ex-Senator Stewart, as explained by him to the Investigating Committee of the last Congress. The title to this property was placed in Mr. Latta as Trustee simply for the sake of convenience. Neither of us had any connection with the pool in which Jay Cooke was interested or with any other pool or parties whatever; the property was bought by us as a private speculation, without any suggestion from any public officer, and without any other knowledge than that which was open to every one else. We have already paid in cash about $500,000 of the purchase money, and shall pay most of the balance during the present year. We have sold none of it except the lot sold to Mr. Stewart, and the lot on the south end of square No. 138 to the British Government, on which is erected the house occupied by its Minister. We hope to make some money out of it when the present dull times cease. If these or any other facts about this property have any interest for the committee, I shall be glad to state them. Very respectfully,

C. J. HILLYER.

A BUFFALO EDITOR ASSAULTED.

BUFFALO, April 2.—At 2:45 o'clock this morning a gang of roughs assaulted J. B. Adams, Editor of the *Sunday Leader*, while on his way, in charge of the forms of the *Leader*, to the press-room to have the paper printed. An assailant struck the forms three times with an iron mallet, leaving holes in the face of the type, but as the forms were resting on a frame they did not "pi." Mr. Adams escaped injury. Four well-known "prison birds" and roughs have been arrested for the offense, and the names of the others are known. Mr. Adams claims the attack was instigated by enemies, whom he knows, who hired the gang, and says he shall commence proceedings against them.

A WOMAN MURDERED.

WILKESBARRE, April 2.—Bridget O'Donnell, a woman about thirty-five years of age, was found dead this morning in a field on the northern outskirts of this city. Her person bore marks of violence, and it was evident, from the surroundings, that she had had a desperate struggle. A post-mortem examination was held, and it was shown that her person had been violated and then she had been choked to death. There is, as yet, no clue to the murderer, but the police are in search of a tramp who was seen in that neighborhood last evening.

DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL.

PORT JERVIS, April 2.—Navigation on the Delaware and Hudson Canal will open on the 15th of April. Eighty cents per ton will be paid for the transportation of coal from Honesdale to Rondout.

CONNECTICUT'S CHANCES.

THE CLOSE OF A DULL CAMPAIGN.

REPUBLICANS CONCEDE THE STATE TO THE DEMOCRATS BY A REDUCED MAJORITY—INACTIVITY OF THE REPUBLICANS—DEMOCRATS HAVE NO HOPE OF GAINING THE PRESIDENCY.

From our Special Correspondent.

HARTFORD, Saturday, April 1, 1876.

With to-day ends the most remarkable political canvass ever waged in Connecticut, and one which has been in striking contrast with that which closed in New-Hampshire on the 4th of March. There all was bustle, excitement, eagerness, absorption in the contest from first to last, and here everything has been just the reverse. Certainly there have been a few meetings held by both parties, and all have been so well attended as to prove that if there had been an active canvass made, the whole State would have been aglow by this time. Two examples may be cited in the Democratic meeting here last evening, addressed by Senator Eaton, and the Republican meeting at Bridgeport, where Mr. Robinson, the candidate for Governor, was the speaker. He says that he never saw a larger or more earnest assemblage in that city. These facts show that the people are not indifferent to the political issues of the day, and suggest the conclusion that the two State committees may have made a mistake in adopting the policy they have pursued of a quiet canvass. Why the Democrats took this course it is hard to guess, but the Republicans followed in their wake simply because they had no money to do anything else. On their part, whatever may be true of the Democrats, there has been less money spent than in any contest for years, for they have not had enough to meet the ordinary and legitimate expenses of the campaign. This lack of funds has, then, had some weight in deciding the character of the contest on one side at least, and the fact that it has been a quiet canvass may not be without some influence in determining the result. Judge Harrison, Chairman of the State Committee, has done all that his means permitted him to do to thoroughly organize and so far as possible arouse the State through the agencies of the Town Committees. A complete canvass has been made, and the voters as usual classified according to their known political affiliations, or where these were not known, as doubtful, and it may be said just here that the latter are rather more numerous than in former years. The town committees have as a rule been able to heal all feuds and make favorable reports. The exceptions of note are the troubles which have appeared in Unionville and Hartford. The first appeared last evening and was caused by the nomination of a representative. That in Hartford is the result of the contest for the nomination for Mayor between Mr. Harbison and Mr. Hammersley, and is due solely to the unreasonable conduct of the friends of the latter. Feeling confident that they had a majority of the party they insisted that the nomination should be left to a caucus, and this being done over 400 votes were polled, of which Mr. Harbison had a large majority. Instead of taking their defeat gracefully, the Hammersley men have put their favorite in the field as a citizen's candidate, and the inevitable result will be the election of Mr. Sprague, the Democratic nominee. The Hammersley leaders say that their course in this local matter will not take a single vote from the State ticket, but rather help it, but they have not yet given any details of the process of strengthening a party by stirring up feuds and bad blood on the eve of an election. Their course is sharply criticised by the Republican press and leaders, but they have not given any sign that they do not intend to persist in it. Their policy may not be suicidal, but it certainly is inexcusable, and all the more so from the fact that the leaders in this movement are members of the town committee, and one of them also a member of the State Committee. Their motives are not impugned, as all admit that they are sincerely convinced that Mr. Hammersley is much stronger than his rival, but there are severe comments made on their judgment.

This affair in Hartford is the only thing of the kind happily, to be found in any of the larger places. In New-Haven the party is in better condition than it has been for many years, and will render a good account of itself on Monday. The same is true of New-London, Bridgeport, Norwalk, and, indeed, of all other cities. But in none of these nor in any of the towns can it be said that it is certain that the full vote will be polled. It is estimated that the vote of the State will be at least 5,000 short of last year, and that this falling off will be very nearly equally distributed among the localities. This decrease will naturally fall most heavily upon the Republicans, and it is chiefly because of it that no one expects Mr. Robinson to be elected by the people. It is constantly said that on a full vote Connecticut is Republican, and there is enough in the political statistics of the State to justify the assertion. As it is admitted that there will not be a full vote, the election of Robinson by the people cannot be expected, and the most that is hoped is that neither of the candidates will have a majority, and that the choice of the Governor will devolve upon the Legislature. But even that hope seems to rest upon a rather shadowy foundation, and the chances appear to be to-night that Ingersoll will have some twenty-five hundred majority over all, which will not be a very exhilarating conclusion of the campaign, but it will be vastly better than last year, when he had 6,521. Should this result be reached upon a full vote, it will not only show that the Republicans are in better condition than in 1875, but that there has been a positive decrease in the Democratic strength, and in any case it will prove that the Republicans have gained, rather than lost, during the past twelve months, and make it sure for the Cincinnati nominee in November. Of the latter fact no one entertains the slightest doubt—no, even those who are so excessively blue that they concede Ingersoll's election by 4,000 majority.

The matter of the State ticket being put practically to rest, the interest of the contest centres mainly upon the Legislature, and here it is possible to enter upon more debatable ground. Of the twenty-one Senators the Republicans feel sure of eight, and think they have the best chance for three others, and securing these they would have a majority of one. In any case there cannot be a balance either way of more than one or two, so that the prospects in the Senate are not unreasonably bad. The Democrats had twenty-four majority in the House last year, and it is already certain that they will not have it this Summer. A careful review of the House made to-day from the latest reports, shows that it will be at the worst a tie, but this conclusion was reached only after throwing away every doubtful chance the Republicans have and counting only certainties. The Republicans are to lose some towns which they carried last year, but they are to gain so many others that the net result will probably be four or five majority for the Republicans, which will of course secure a United States Senator. This will undoubtedly be the case unless Mr. English floods the close towns with money in order to make sure of his own return. What he has done or is going to do in this way no one knows, nor is there any way to find out until the returns show where money has been used. Mr. English has been in the State several days, and chiefly at New-Haven, where he has been anxiously watching the contest. Mr. Eaton being here also, Connecticut is wholly unrepresented in the Senate when important public measures are before that body.

But whatever may be the result, nothing can now be done to change it except that which can be done at the polls. The last appeals have been made and the last rallies held. That in this city to-night was a magnificent ovation to the cause and to Gen. Joseph R. Hawley, Allyn Hall being crammed and the greatest enthusiasm prevailing. Hon. E. W. Rousell presided, and introduced Gen. Hawley, who made a short but magnetic speech. The other speakers were Hon. Henry C. Robinson and Gen. Francis A. Walker, both of whom made eloquent addresses. The last has, during this short canvass, proved himself to be a first-class stump speaker, and his services will be in demand in the future, not only in Connecticut but in other States.

THE PROSPECTS UNCHANGED — A BELIEF EXISTING THAT THE DEMOCRATS WILL WIN BY A SMALL MAJORITY.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

HARTFORD, April 2.—The night before the election finds the State in its usual quiet condition, and the prospects for to-morrow are unchanged. There is to be a lively fight here on the Mayoralty, which many believe will have the effect of bringing out a full vote, but in nearly all other localities it is still believed that the poll will not be equal to last year. The chances, according to universal assertion on the ode side and admission on the other, still remain with the Democrats; but the prospect is that their majority will be cut down sufficiently to show that with an active, earnest canvass it would have been removed.

THE WORCESTER CONFERENCE.

AN ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE BY THE OPPONENTS OF OFFICE-HOLDERS AND PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS—A MOVEMENT IN THE BRISTOW INTEREST.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BOSTON, April 2.—The promised address to the people from the recent Worcester Conference of Republicans opposed to the running of the political machinery of the State by the office-holders and professional politicians, and desirous of waking the voters to a comprehension of their duty in the important interest ahead will be published in the morning papers. It is brief and well worded, and has an air of honesty about it which will be acceptable to many independent voters, of which this State embraces a host, as recent elections have shown. Its authors state that they are actuated by no local or personal purposes, and claim no authority, except what actually attaches to men holding the essential principles of republicanism in truth and sincerity, and they make this appeal because they are painfully conscious of an alarming spirit of indifference and carelessness in the performance of duty at the primary meetings, and of dissatisfaction with Coven's management. First, they urge their candidates to a zealous devotion to the trust and a resumption of the activities of citizenship. "However much we may differ as to canvass," it says, "we are heartily united in believing that there is but one practical method by which distrust can be allayed, confidence restored, and national success assured, and that is by insisting upon the nomination of such men only as, without aid of the rhetoric of platforms, embody in themselves the popular demand for honesty and independence. To this popular demand mere partisanship must yield." Then follows this significant paragraph:

"Nothing is more important than that the candidates to be nominated by the next National Convention shall be men whose names are already watchwords of reform, whose capacity and courage for the work are matters of record rather than of promise, who will restore the simplicity, independence, and rectitude of the early administrations, and whose lives will be a guaranty of their fidelity and fitness. Under no other leadership is success desirable or possible. The time is auspicious. In this Centennial epoch all minds revert to the austere virtues of the fathers of the Republic, illustrious not more by their wisdom and courage than by their probity and fidelity in all public stations. If the Republican Party of to-day fails in any way to represent the higher standards of the national purpose and life it is not because the great body of the Republican voters are not true men. The need is that waking to the crisis they assert their will and suffer none but fit exponents of their convictions to direct the party councils."

In the concluding paragraph it is especially stated that no conflict with the regular agencies of the organization is desired, but that the caucuses be not left in the hands of those who make politics a business. "The imperative duty of the hour is," it says, "to select the most disinterested, honest, firm, and independent citizens to represent us as delegates to the State and district conventions. Let us send a delegation to the National Convention of such high personal character and firmness that the sentiment of Massachusetts will not be misrepresented, nor her voice ignored; men who believe that the great need of the hour, rising high above all partisanship, is the need of the most honest and capable man in every public office.

The address is signed with the names of two or three hundred gentlemen, all of whom are well known in the State, and many out, as Republicans of influence. Prominent are those of ex-Gov. Bullock, Speaker John D. Long, James Russell Lowell, James Freeman Clarke, Dwight Foster, Martin Brimmer, Thomas Parsons, Edward Atkinson, Henry Lee, W. J. Bowditch, Walter Allen, one of the editors of the Boston *Advertiser*; John D. Baldwin, and the editors of the Worcestor *Spy*, Prof. Charles F. Dunbar, and Paul A. Chadbourne, of Williams' College. All parts of the State are represented, but particularly the central and western portions. The movement is plainly in behalf of Bristow.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

TWENTY-TWO BUILDINGS DESTROYED IN FAIRMONT, WEST VA.—LOSS $125,000.

A destructive fire occurred at Fairmont, West Va., early yesterday morning, by which twenty-two buildings were destroyed and a number damaged. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, and originated between Swisher & Carpenter's store and Pendergast's saloon. The entire business block from Bridge street to Jefferson, on the south side of Main street, and all the buildings but two on the north side, were burned; also, a number of buildings on Bridge street. The total loss is fully $125,000, on which there is an insurance of $29,800, divided as follows: Peabody Insurance Company of Wheeling, $3,300; Franklin, of Wheeling, $2,600; German, of Wheeling, $9,000; Fire and Marine, of Wheeling, $3,000; Ætna, of Wheeling, $2,500; Citizens', of Wheeling, $2,000; Faneuil Hall, of Hartford, $1,600; Pennsylvania, of Pittsburg, $4,000; Hartford, of Hartford, $1,800.

OTHER FIRES.

The fine Summer residence of S. W. Galloupe, of Boston, known as the Ocean View Cottage, near Phillips' Point, Swampscott, was burned yesterday. It was erected in 1863 at a cost of $25,000. The loss on the house, furniture, and out-buildings is $40,000. The insurance on the house is $20,000 and on the furniture $7,000.

A fire last evening at Charlestown Neck, near Cambridge street, Boston, destroyed 60,000 feet of lumber and the machinery in the building used by Isaac Hanscom's wooden box manufactory. The loss is estimated at $5,000. Patrick Hurley and three others were injured by the breaking of a ladder.

The stable of Michael Dalton, a contractor at No. 117 Twenty-third street, Brooklyn, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night, and nine out of sixteen horses were burned to death. The loss is estimated at about three thousand dollars. There was no insurance.

A fire in South Hadley, Mass., last evening, destroyed the hotel, two barns, Gridley's store, and two houses. The total loss is estimated at $20,000, and is well insured. The 300 inmates of the Mount Holyoke Female Seminary did good service in carrying water.

Hale's Block, at Springfield, Mass., occupied by Curtis, clothier; Clapp, boots and shoes; Alden, photographer, and Frazer, jeweler, was partially burned yesterday morning. Total loss about twenty-five thousand dollars.

The iron foundry of W. E. Slayton, at Calais, Me., was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The loss is $25,000; insurance, $6,000.

S. W. Parshley's block, at Chicopee, Mass., was burned on Saturday night. Total loss about four thousand dollars.

A PRESIDENTIAL OUTLOOK.

THE REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

MORTON, CONKLING, AND BLAINE THE MOST ACTIVE—MORTON DEPENDS UPON THE SOUTH—BRISTOW CONSTANTLY GAINING STRENGTH—BLAINE'S CHIEF SUPPORT IN NEW-ENGLAND AND THE NORTH-WEST.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, April 2, 1876.

The Syracuse Convention of March 22, followed since by the Republican conventions in Vermont, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, has stimulated to new life the interest among politicians in the contest for the Presidency. For some time previous to the holding of these conventions the discussions concerning candidates were infrequent, except among the active workers, this subject and all others being smothered in the excitement of the Belknap exposure, the Congressional investigations, and the expectation that other great discoveries were about to be made. Meantime, the office-holders and office-seekers were busy as ever, operating with improved facilities, because, for the time, less observed. These are the men who are preparing the programmes for the National Convention. They have each selected the candidate to whom they can most securely attach themselves, or who they think has the best chance of success, and have devoted themselves to his cause. These people all have the keenest intuitions, and thus it happens that none of them are found in the service of a candidate not well understood to be ready to acknowledge service and make suitable rewards. The fees are of course contingent. It further happens that there are three men among whom these professional politicians divide their labors—Senator Conkling, Senator Morton, and Ex-Speaker Blaine—all well understood to subscribe to the doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils."

POSITION OF THE STRONGEST CANDIDATES.

It is a somewhat curious fact that, of all the candidates, or those who are reckoned by the people as candidates, only two have the frankness to admit that they are seeking the nomination. These two are Messrs. Blaine and Morton. Each of them is, to a considerable extent, directing his canvass in person, and is laboring with undisguised purpose to secure as many delegates as possible in advance of the meeting of the convention. The other candidates are for the most part "in the hands of their friends." One of the most earnest and effective laborers in Mr. Conkling's political vineyard assures me, in very positive terms, that Mr. Conkling is not a candidate; that Mr. Conkling holds that the office should seek the man rather than be sought by him; that it is unbecoming and indecorous for any man to announce himself as a candidate, and endeavor to force himself upon the people. The same gentleman says that Mr. Conkling has no expectation of receiving the nomination, and has discouraged his friends from doing anything in his behalf, and modestly regards it as one of the most absurd things in the world that the American people should be desirous of making him President. This is, without doubt, the position which Mr. Conkling takes when personally approached upon the subject, and it is characteristic of him.

Messrs. Morton, Blaine, and Conkling comprise the list of those for whom conventions and delegates are being act

doubted, when it is remembered that at the beginning of the Ohio canvass, in the midst of the inflation districts, he took a position squarely and directly in favor of honest money, and maintained that position without wavering from beginning to end, and in every part of the State. That required more courage than belongs to a mere politician.

The only other prominent Ohio Republican who at that time publicly took an equally strong position was Senator Sherman, who was bound by consistency to stand by his views expressed in the Senate. Hayes would be likely to call around him an excellent body of advisers, and no one can doubt from his character and past experience that he would give the country a simple, honest, dignified, and progressive administration. He never dreamed of being a Presidential candidate till the course of events connected with the Ohio election forced him into the position which he now occupies. He does not expect the nomination; nobody is making any trades in his behalf. It will be only after the candidates now foremost in the race have fallen out by the way that Mr. Hayes can come prominently before the convention.

It becomes necessary now to place in the list of possible candidates with Mr. Hayes, (and Mr. Bristow's name should probably be placed in this list also,) Representative Wheeler, of New-York. He can only come before the convention when either Mr. Conkling or Mr. Blaine has given up the race or fallen badly behind. He would not by his own consent be brought into antagonism with either of them. He will not be, by his own consent, indeed, a candidate at all. But his fitness for the Presidency is so manifest to all who know him that he has been privately talked of for many months. His strength lies in his large experience in public affairs, his ability, and unswerving devotion to principle, his independence of all political rings, and his spotless public and private life. He comes to Congress from the banner Republican district of the United States. In his long public service he never asked any man to aid in any way his nomination or election to an office; and, it is not necessary to say to those who know him, he never will. He has no enemies to punish and no friends to reward. No man ever lived with a more unerring, intuitive sense of justice, and no personal interest ever weighs in his consideration of a public act. He never advocated or opposed a measure in Congress unsuccessfully, simply because he never thrusts himself into debate without a purpose and without knowledge, and everybody knows when he speaks for a proposition he does it as a matter of duty, and because it is right. The Roman virtue of inflexibility of purpose joined with rectitude, so grandly sung by Horace in the ode beginning

"Justum et tenacem propositi virum,"

is not more conspicuously possessed by any living American. He is a man of affairs and of the people, and if by any extremely doubtful chance he should be nominated, not a line of his record nor an act of his life would need apology or excuse. It is safe to say that with Messrs. Blaine and Conkling out of the way, Mr. Wheeler would have the solid vote of the East, and be very acceptable to the West.

THE DIVISION OF STRENGTH.

Thus much in regard to the prominent candidates. As to their positions in the race, their friends at least do not agree, and very possibly it would be difficult to form any unqualified judgment. Mr. Blaine and Mr. Morton have been regarded as the two candidates leading all the others. Up to a recent date Mr. Blaine has generally been regarded ahead of Mr. Morton, and as the only candidate making progress. The common impression, though it is hard to say upon what founded, is that since the Belknap exposure Mr. Blaine has not gained. The tide of feeling here is now certainly setting in favor of Mr. Bristow, because it is thought the people will demand a candidate whose personal integrity and ability to deal with fraud and corruption have both been tested. The information from the South that the negroes will control all the conventions for Mr. Morton and send Morton delegates to Cincinnati, is of very great importance in this connection. If Mr. Morton should have the solid Southern delegation, with his own from Indiana, it would give him more votes in the convention than any other candidate is likely to have. According to the popular rumors, efforts have been made in Louisiana, through Marshal Packard, to secure the delegation of that State for Mr. Blaine, and Senator Morton has been represented as very angry that Packard should take this course. The friends of Mr. Blaine have expected the delegates from Florida and Virginia, and perhaps one or two other Southern States. It seems to be conceded that wherever the negroes can enforce their desires in conventions, the delegates will be for Senator Morton, and the friends of Senator Conkling claim all such delegates when Mr. Morton's forces break up. It is now believed that even on the first ballot the forces from the South will be considerably divided.

The friends of Senator Conkling expected, before the Syracuse Convention, to go to Cincinnati with the united delegations of New-York and Pennsylvania. They expect Pennsylvania now, with more apparent confidence than before. Reports indicate that the politicians of that State desire to cast the vote of the delegation solidly for some candidate, in order that they may present the claims of the State forcibly for a position in the Cabinet. They complain that Pennsylvania has not been well treated by this Administration, and if they can find a candidate in the convention that the delegation from Pennsylvania can elect, that candidate they will vote for, unless there has been a preliminary bargain and sale in favor of some one else. It was supposed that the friends of Mr. Conkling had promised Cameron that if the Pennsylvania delegation supported Conkling and he was nominated and elected, Don Cameron, the son of the Senator, should have a Secretary's portfolio. It is not generally known, perhaps, that the Senator has a great ambition for the political advancement of his son, and that four years ago the latter came very near receiving the nomination for Vice President in the place of Mr. Wilson. Agents of the Cameron politicians had arranged with several State delegations, including the State of New-York, that if Pennsylvania would unitedly present a candidate for the Vice Presidency, that candidate should receive the support of these other delegations. Satisfactory arrangements having been made in this respect, it was attempted to unite the Pennsylvania delegation in presenting the name of Don Cameron. At first there were only two or three delegates who did not consent to it, and they might have been won over but for the determined stand of some Pennsylvanians not in the delegation, who exerted influence enough to defeat the union.

Before the Harrisburg convention the vote of Pennsylvania was expected confidently by Mr. Blaine as well as Senator Conkling. The friends of Mr. Blaine who went to the convention from here returned alarmed and displeased. They report that everything had been prearranged, and a Blaine man could hardly get into the hall. Another report is that Senator Conkling has no better chance than Mr. Blaine, and that the managers are secretly against him. All of which simply confirms the undoubted fact that Pennsylvania is up at auction, and that no binding agreement has been entered into. One may offer Don Cameron the Interior Department; somebody else comes along and offers him the Treasury Department, and another the portfolio of State. Then the original bidder returns and offers the delegation a Cabinet position, a foreign mission, three or four bureau offices, a fine assortment of clerkships, with trading posts *ad libitum*, and the bargain is closed on the spot. The delegates are simply so many puppets, to be counted according to the pleasure of two or three sharp young men, who will also act as the auctioneers. It ought to be said that there is a very sincere feeling in the State in favor of Gen. Hartrantt for President, and the delegation would no doubt support him earnestly if there should be a chance of his nomination. The compliment to him will not be altogether meaningless nor undeserved. While the Conkling men have taken considerable courage from what was done in Pennsylvania, there seems at this time little foundation for it beyond the avowed partisanship of Senator Cameron, whose personal strength is overestimated. The real power is in the hands of younger men.

The Vermont delegation will be unpledged and independent. Judge Poland is the most widely known of any man on the list. He is counted by many for Senator Conkling, but if it is true, as stated, that he is looking to an election at home rather than an appointment here, he will consult the wishes of Vermonters. Judge Poland cannot control the delegation.

Mr. Conkling's friends have just dispatched an agent to Tennessee and Arkansas to fix up the votes of those States. They are also consulting with the politicians from Illinois, where Senator Logan is carrying on a hard contest to maintain control. Minister Washburne is now understood to be a candidate. He modestly seeks the Governorship. If the announcement of that candidacy should please the people, Mr. Logan's friends understand that it would give Washburne a good send off at Cincinnati. If Washburne should be made Governor, then, at least, he would count upon being Logan's successor in the Senate. Now, if this scheme of Washburne should become formidable, Illinois might at once be brought to vote for Mr. Conkling if it should be made to appear that such a union could be formed as would give him a chance for nomination on first ballot, and thus destroy all hostile forces at once. It may seem an incredible thing, but some of the workers profess such hopes of Senator Conkling's nomination. Allowing the utmost claimed for him as not doubtful, however, I can not count a third of the convention. Ohio, if it breaks from Hayes, will divide, giving at least half its vote to Mr. Bristow. Senator Conkling will get none, or only one or two.

The scheme of getting conditional votes enough for a nomination, or a near approach to a nomination, on the first ballot, is exactly fitted to the condition of things in the New-York delegation, which his friends are afraid of after the first ballot. The Conkling men do not admit defeat in New-York, and they think that the understanding outside the State is that the delegation is practically pledged. This idea is fostered as those who can be brought to this view are more ready to join the movement. It is doubtful if this appearance can be maintained, since it is well understood here that the action of the Convention was a real defeat. Since the Pennsylvania Convention Mr. Conkling's friends have received new confidence, and some of them express the wildest expectations of a grand rallying of nearly all the States to his support.

THE RELATIONS OF CONKLING AND BLAINE TO EACH OTHER.

If it is true that Senator Conkling's chances have improved, then it must be admitted that Mr. Blaine's have declined. As to the fact opinions are various. But Pennsylvania would be an irreparable loss to either. There is no clear ground to state, on the other hand, that the vote of Pennsylvania would elect either of these candidates; whichever of them loses it, however, loses thereby the nomination to a certainty. That is all, and the condition remains still unchanged so far as can be known publicly, from what it was before the convention, because it is not known for whom the vote will be given. Mr. Blaine will have nearly all the New-England votes, as now appears, the exceptions being an indefinite number for Mr. Bristow, who is developing great strength in that section. Mr. Blaine will have a large part of the North-west and some votes from the South. He may have nearly a third of the convention. Till recently it has looked as though Senator Morton would lead, and many still expect it. Mr. Bristow will have Kentucky and, so far as now appears, a few other scattering votes, unless Georgia is conceded to him, as it seems to be, even by his enemies. Gov. Hayes will receive the cordial support of Ohio as long as there is a chance of his nomination. The delegation is made up of the best men in the State, with few exceptions, who will not desert, and who know Hayes' real worth. But they will not allow, nor would Gov. Hayes permit it, that the voice of Ohio should be silent when the real crisis comes, Mr. Bristow if in nomination will get the best part of the vote, and if he is out of the way the best man will have the same delegates. There is no chance for trade.

Some of Mr. Blaine's friends think Senator Conkling will have no formidable support, and that the contest will lie between the former and Gov. Morton. Friends of Mr. Conkling believe the contest will be between him and Senator Morton. Mr. Blaine has seemed to have the greatest strength by reason of being "the second choice" of so many people.

Between Messrs. Blaine and Morton, with other candidates out of the way, Mr. Blaine would almost surely win. He is able, experienced, adroit. It would be his ambition to give the country a splendid Administration, and he could do it. Probably some of the people who are working for him would be disappointed when the offices came to be handed round, and their disappointment would not injure the public service. On the whole, it seems not doubtful that if either of the active candidates get the nomination, it will be Mr. Blaine. If Messrs. Blaine, Morton, and Conkling should destroy each other's chances, which is now regarded as quite possible, to say the least, the nomination would fall upon Mr. Wheeler, if an Eastern man should be taken. But, a Western man would probably be chosen, rather than any one from the East, and Mr. Bristow would be nominated, unless the politicians could unite votes enough to defeat him, in which case Gov. Hayes would be a long way in advance for the nomination. It can hardly be doubted that to-day Mr. Bristow is the choice of the people; but the politicians are hunting him down, and some of the basest are at work upon the manufacture of matters intended to tarnish his fair name. They will not succeed.

Gov. Hayes would certainly carry Ohio if nominated, and there is no reason why he should not be as strong in New-York as any candidate from without the State. The Democracy must carry New-York to get a President. Hayes would have a good impetus from victory in his own State in October. Hayes has this great advantage, that his election would separate from the present and past the future of our politics, in respect to its *personnel*, as absolutely as if a Democrat were President. I think this is what the people desire above everything else, and if the Republican nomination does not give them a chance to get such a separation, there can be no surety of Republican success. All the so-called leading candidates are, in a sense, a part of the present and the past, and I doubt if the people yearn anxiously for the nomination of any one of them.

Below all this talk about the nomination there is a feeling of dissatisfaction with all the candidates supposed to be actively at work for themselves, and a wish to escape from political bonds and nominate some man who has not such an overweening desire to be President as to be willing to spend his time and money and shift his public course, and watch for the varying political winds and currents, and to talk pleasantly to men he hates, and to make promises he never expects to keep in order to reach the portals of the White House. There is an anxiety to have some man for President not tied up to a retinue of political followers, who must be rewarded by spoils of office. I think the sentiment among the people and among the better class of public men, is in favor of finding some man among those not prominent, and for whom no political work has been done, who is capable and honest, with a pure record as a public man, and to make him the candidate of the party and of the people. The question is often asked whether we have not some man who could stand before the country as a candidate in the attitude of Lincoln in 1860. It may be when the convention meets that the delegates will have some such feeling as the people seem to entertain, and they may become disgusted with the strife and quarrels of the men who seek the position, and decide to cast their votes for some man who has not expected or desired it. Who can doubt, for instance, that Judge Taft is equally as well-fitted for the Presidency as any of the prominent candidates before the people? And what New-Yorker cannot call to mind the name of at least one man in that State, whose name is not mentioned, who would gather round him the people because of a public life spent in purity of official and private acts, because he has always been absolutely uncontrolled in his public course by personal considerations, who is independent of the political machinery, and would not yield to it or promise anything on account of it for any office, high or low?

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

THE LAST EXPERIMENT IN CHICAGO

ORGANIZATION OF CITIES UNDER A GENERAL STATE LAW—FAILURE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM—DANGER OF CONFERRING EXTRAORDINARY POWERS UPON A CITY COUNCIL—ANOTHER CHARTER IN RESERVE.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHICAGO, Thursday, March 30, 1876.

Now that New-Yorkers are expecting the report of the commission appointed to prepare a new charter for their City government, they may find a special interest in the change made within a year in Chicago from a charter which was the product of a series of legislative enactments, mostly partisan and unfair, to an organization under a general State law for the incorporation of cities and villages The people of Chicago refused to bear the ills they had, (and they were as numerous as the contents of Pandora's box,) but flew to others that they knew not of, and now they wish they hadn't. The average Alderman demands, as *Jacques* did of the *Duke* in "As You Like It:"

"I must have liberty
Withal—as large a *charter* as the wind,
To blow on whom I please."

And he added, "For so fools have," and that is precisely the reason the Aldermen want the same—that and because they are generally knaves as well as fools. Their wish has been amply gratified in Chicago. It came about in this way: The Illinois Constitution adopted in 1870 prohibits special legislation on a variety of subjects, including city governments. Chicago's special charter was the growth of selfish and scheming political combinations, which, from time to time, put on new burdens in the shape of supernumerary officials, superfluous boards, and a defective system for assessing and collecting the taxes. The City Government having fallen into the hands of a bad lot because the respectable voters had permitted themselves to be misled into an extreme position on the liquor and Sunday questions, the necessity was felt for putting a check upon those in power more efficient than anything the old charter offered. There was a recent organization of a non-partisan character, known as the Citizens' Association, which, with good intentions but a lamentable lack of political experience, charged itself with the needed reform. A general law had been passed by the State Legislature for the government of all cities, and with a provision for the reorganization under this law of cities already having special charters ante-dating the new Constitution, as well as for the formation of new cities. It was prematurely concluded that this general law was an improvement over the party-colored (I use the orthography advisedly) charter in existence. The Citizens' Association took the preliminary steps for the reorganization, which consisted mainly of obtaining a petition of one-eighth of the legal voters calling for an election at which the people should decide whether to reorganize or not. The election was called and the date fixed. But after going this far it suddenly dawned upon the Citizens' Association that a serious error had been committed. A closer scrutiny of the general charter revealed that, while it was well enough suited to small cities, it was not at all fitted to a city of the size and commercial importance of Chicago. It was too late to revoke the call for the election, and about as bad to go back to the old special charter. Then a series of amendments to the general charter were drafted, and the Citizens' Association asked the Legislature to pass them. But here they encountered an opposition which they had likewise failed to foresee. The representatives from the country districts said their small cities were well suited with the general charter, and there was no disposition to inconvenience them for the accommodation of Chicago. Then it was determined to get up a second general charter for cities of more than one hundred thousand people, and permit a reorganization under this second law either from the special charter or from the first general law. This bill became a law, though its constitutionality was questioned. It was then determined by the Citizens' Association to defeat at the polls the proposition to reorganize under the first general law, (that of 1872,) and subsequently vote to reorganize under the second general law, (that of 1875.) But, in the mean time, the people in possession of the offices had been studying the charter of 1872, and found that if there was to be any change at all that would suit their purposes very much better than the charter of 1875, the more so as it contained a provision which would probably retain the Aldermen in office six months and the Mayor eighteen months beyond the time for which they were originally elected. The result was that when the day for voting on the first charter came around the bummer element rallied at the polls as usual, and also indulged in a little ballot-box stuffing in favor of the charter of 1872, while the citizens generally remained away from the polls as usual. Of course the charter of 1872 was adopted, and the subsequent efforts of the Citizens' Association to have it set aside, on the ground that it was fraudulently voted, failed. This is the way Chicago came to be inflicted with the present abortive attempt at municipal reform.

THE PRESENT CHARTER.

The new charter has done all its later advocates expected and desired. One of its provisions, continuing the old officers in place and changing the date of election, has enabled a corrupt City Council to hold over six months and the Mayor eighteen months, the former being elected once a year and the latter biennially. No amount of popular indignation and no kind of popular protest has induced this Mayor to vacate the office. He has held on to sign an appropriation bill for the current year at the rate of $5,600,000 for the current expenses; and the Council, which had the power to declare the office vacant, and thus permit the people to elect a Mayor at the same time they voted for other city officers, refused to do so because he had thus served their purpose by approving the excessive appropriation for the support of their political friends. Another evil result of this change of election day is that there are now three local elections every year, viz.: The town elections, an organization of tax-eaters subsidiary to the County Government, of which there are three sets within the city limits, (this election occurs in a few days;) the city election, which follows the town elections by only two weeks, and at which half of the Board of Aldermen and the subordinate city officers are elected every year and the Mayor once in two years; and, third, the county election, which occurs every Autumn, at which a portion of the Board of County Commissioners and other county officers are chosen. From the number of elections alone it may be concluded that the city is cursed with a superabundance of office-holders, and some idea may be formed of the complexity of our local system. It is an unworthy jumble for a State which has held the Presidency for sixteen years, and otherwise claims a high order of political progress and intelligence.

This new general charter is as long as the moral law, about the only respect, by the way, in which city charters ever resemble the moral law. It is profuse in its provisions for the disciplining of its officers and in its prohibition of bribery, double office-holding, and the personal interest of its officers in contracts, &c., but these are mainly samples of legislative rhetoric unaccompanied by any effective check upon malfeasance. It provides, for instance, that no person shall be elected Alderman who is in arrears in the payment of his taxes; but as it retains the old ward system it is not often that anybody is elected to the Council who has ever any taxes to pay. It makes the Council consist of thirty-six Aldermen, elected from half that number of wards, while cities are notoriously so settled that there are certain populous districts which do not contain a single person fit to sit in the municipal legislature. The general law of 1872 also contains a provision for electing Aldermen on the plan of minority representation, but this was voted down. Had this been adopted along with the Charter, the City would have been divided into three divisions, each of which would have elected the same number of Aldermen. In such a sub-division the votes of the respectable and tax-paying citizens might have prevailed so as to elect good men throughout. Even if this much could not have been attained, each voter would at least have had as many votes as there were Aldermen to be elected in the one of the three divisions in which he lived, which he could divide as he pleased and cumulate upon any one, two, or more candidates, so as to assure a fair proportion of representation for the tax-payers. Under the present division there is only a small minority of the wards reasonably sure to send good men to the Council, and even these may be seized at the primaries and so return men in the interest of the tax-eaters. Thus the City's affairs are under the control of a single body of thirty-six men, with such powers as to be almost a law unto itself. It can well be imagined that this is scarcely an improvement upon the abandoned system.

The most serious defect in the present charter is the extraordinary power extending in every direction which it confers upon the Common Council—a very natural and probably advantageous arrangement for small communities, (cities of 1,000 inhabitants may be organized under this charter,) but exceedingly dangerous in the case of a large community. There is scarcely a limit upon the power of the council, except that it shall not borrow money in excess of five per cent. on the valuation of the taxable property, which is a provision of the Constitution. For the rest, there is no restraint as to the appropriations it may make or the manner in which these appropriations are dispensed. It has entire control and absolute discretion in the making of contracts, and every branch of the City Government, without being mutually dependent and co-operative, is subject to the despotic dictation of the council.

THE RESERVE CHARTER.

But the other law for the reorganization of cities procured from the Legislature last year, and known as the law of 1875, is on the statute books, and Chicago may be reorganized under this by going through the same process of petition and election. This is a separate act, which does not repeal or interfere with the general charter of 1872, and under which any city having an old special charter, or already organized under the charter of 1872, may reorganize as aforesaid. The constitutionality of this act was questioned at the time of its passage, on the ground that two incorporation acts would be an infringement of the constitutional prohibition of special legislation. The question has never been tested, but it is not likely that the second act will be set aside; and it will not require very much longer experience with the first act to persuade the people to reorganize under the second. Thus it will be seen that, while the prohibition of special legislation is in many respects a great protection, and while special legislation for the government of cities is almost always abused, the effort to govern all cities of all sizes by the same charter is practically a failure.

CONNECTICUT FOR BRISTOW.

THE STATE DELEGATION TO CINCINNATI IN FAVOR OF BRISTOW'S NOMINATION.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

HARTFORD, April 2.—The position of at least one of the uncertain States at the opening of the struggle at Cincinnati seems to be now settled, for it is declared that Connecticut will not only vote for Bristow from the first, but will work heartily and honestly for him as long as there is any chance of his nomination. Gen. Hawley freely and publicly announces that his purpose in going to Cincinnati is to do all in his power to secure the nomination of Bristow, and that his information leads him to believe that all, or at least very nearly all, the other delegates agree with him in this matter. The delegation is not, however, pledged or trammeled in any way, and there may be a small minority who will vote for some one else; but the Connecticut influence, whatever it may amount to, will be for Bristow from the start, for the State has entirely gone out of the favorite son business. Neither Jewell nor Hawley will be presented to the convention, and these gentlemen are understood to be in accord as to what should be done at Cincinnati. The delegation, in the character of its individual members, is one of the strongest yet chosen, and its action is, therefore, a matter of some moment to all concerned.

FROM A MORTON STANDPOINT.

THE INDIANA SENATOR'S QUALIFICATIONS AND APPARENT STRENGTH—HIS FRIENDS EXPECT HE WILL GO INTO THE CONVENTION WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES.

From an Occasional Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, Wednesday, March 29, 1876.

Careful observers of the political situation unite in the opinion that the Belknap scandal has changed the political situation, and that Bristow has been gaining largely in the Eastern States, and has had some prominence in this part of the West, growing out of the support he is receiving from the Cincinnati *Gazette* and *Commercial*. The Chicago *Tribune* inclined toward Blaine some weeks since, but its editor, Joseph Medill, Esq., and J. Russell Jones, the Collector of the Port of Chicago, are earnest supporters of E. B. Washburne, and are now working hard to nominate that gentleman for Governor of Illinois, with a view to bringing him into prominence and then springing his name on the Cincinnati Convention as a candidate for the Presidency. The fact that Illinois has enjoyed the luxury of furnishing the President for the past sixteen years does not deter these gentlemen from again urging a favorite son for another four years. There are, however, other candidates for gubernatorial honors in that State, among whom is Hon. Shelby M. Cullom and Gov. Beveridge, who object to this proposition of Mr. Washburne's friends, and will fight it to the bitter end. The Washburne strength is confined largely to the northern and central portions of the State, where the *Tribune* circulates; but the fact that both Cullom and Beveridge have been candidates for some months and have many pledges will be almost certain to defeat Washburne.

Bristow has no particular strength in Illinois or the North-west. The fact of his being a Kentuckian may have something to do with this, but his well-known opposition to the Civil Rights bill has not endeared him to the more advanced Republicans, such as abound in the West and North-west. Senator Morton's friends claim that he will go into the convention with a larger vote than any other candidate; that he is the second choice of more States and delegates than any other person now mentioned, and has had more experience in public life, has rendered greater service to the party and country, has more executive ability, is an abler leader and organizer, and no suspicion has ever been urged against his integrity. Indeed, in this he is as available as any man whose name has ever been mentioned for that high office. He fully agrees with the majority of his party upon the financial question. His able campaign in Maine, Ohio, and Pennsylvania last Summer was approved by all, and the conduct of the Confederate House of Representatives has brought the country up to his advanced views upon the reconstruction measures he has so ably advocated in the Senate. He combines elements of popularity in being popular with civilians and soldiers, and his nomination would insure Indiana to the ticket in October, no matter who is the candidate on the other side. This is a matter not to be lightly considered. Indiana is essential and must be carried in October, if we will succeed in November. The contest now seems to be narrowed down to Morton, Bristow, and Blaine, and the chances are that it will remain there until the convention meets.

David Davis, of Illinois, seems to be the coming man among the Democrats of the West. Had the Democracy carried New-Hampshire Hendricks would have undoubtedly had greater strength, and will have a considerable following among the soft-money, Bourbon, and Confederate elements; but he has been severely injured by the tide that carried down Pendleton, Tilden, and Thurman, and he will hardly survive, as he is deficient in pluck and all the elements necessary for a leader.

PRESIDENT WHITE AS A DELEGATE.

The Syracuse *Journal* of Saturday says: "The New-York *Tribune* prints, in what purports to be an Albany dispatch, certain statements concerning Hon. Andrew D. White, Delegate at Large to the Republican National Convention, which we have the best reason for pronouncing wholly unfounded. Mr. White neither asked that his name should be used, nor refused to allow his name to be used as a delegate. He will attend the convention, if his life is spared, and he is physically able to get there. He is not, and has not been 'an openly-avowed Tilden Republican'—if, indeed, there is or ever has been such a political anomaly. His sentiments intimated his intention to vote for Gov. Tilden in case he should be the Democratic candidate.' Thus, every assertion of the *Tribune's* correspondent concerning President White's political relations and intentions is shown to be unfounded. He will probably make a visit to California this Spring, but will be back in time to attend the Cincinnati Convention, where his voice will be heard and his vote be given in harmony with the highest interest of the country and of the Republican Party."

POST OFFICE CHANGES.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The following are the postal changes for the week ending April 1, 1876:

New-England.—Post-masters Appointed—Sidney S. Hanna, East Sullivan, Hancock County, Me.; F. L. Parsons, Colchester, Chittenden County, Vt.; Luke E. Bucknell, Cummington, West Village, Hampshire County, Mass.; Eustice M. Jones, Pembroke, Plymouth County, Mass.; Clinton W. Woodford, Canton, Hartford County, Conn.; Lathrop H. Hooker, Mt. Hope, Fairfield County, Conn.; George W. Rodge, Rainbow, Hartford County, Conn.; Shelton Hlcock, Southbury, New-Haven County, Conn.; Joseph C. Church, Charleston, Washington County, R. I.; Edward P. Dunham, West Cheshire, New-Haven County, Conn.

New-York.—Postmasters Appointed—Wallace H. Wells, Brasher Falls, St. Lawrence County; Theodore Shaver, Grant's Mills, Delaware County; Millard F. Sickley, Groveland, Livingston County; Abram B. Smith, Johnsville, Dutchess County; Sedden E. Williams, Kendall Mills, Orleans County; Henry M. Haviland, Little Neck, Queens County; Phebe A. Tannshill, Newcomb, Essex County; Gerrit F. Gifford, Orangeport, Niagara County; William F. Lewis, Pratt's Hollow, Madison County. Alphonsius McCormick, Rexville, Steuben County. Name Changed—Preston Hollow, Albany County, to Mondova.

New-Jersey.—Established—Sea Grove, Cape May County, Alexander W. Springer, Postmaster. Discontinued—Wewayanda, Sussex County. Postmaster Appointed—Thomas J. Heritage, Pitman Grove, Gloucester County.

Pennsylvania.—Postmasters Appointed—John J. McGranahan, Atlantic, Crawford County; James E. Smith, Bowman's Creek, Wyoming County; Clark McMillen, Bristow, Mercer County; Henry Burket, Cook's Mills, Bedford County; George Hoienbach, Crooked Hill, Montgomery County; Thomas M. Borarer, Eau Claire, Butler County; Samuel M. Wilson, Edge Hill, Montgomery County; Samuel Snyder, Frieden's, Somerset County; Jacob Sommers, Garretford, Delaware County; John A. Zullinger, Hustontown, Fulton County; William Clark, Leech's Corners, Mercer County; John W. Temple, Lionville, Chester County; Benjamin Helfrich, Lyon's Station, Berks County; William McKune, Kane's Depot, Wyoming County; Thomas Miller, Merrirstown, Fayette County; Jacob Kuntz, Morgantown, Berks County; James Gallagher, New-Washington, Clearfield County; Miles S. Anderson, Old Frame, Fayette County; Philip De Frehn, Zion's Grove, Schuylkill County.

Maryland.—Postmasters Appointed—J. T. Martin, Ironton, Baltimore County; Thomas B. Bowling, Milestown, St. Mary's County; David E. Stern, Sam's Creek, Frederick County.

CRUEL SPORT IN THE MOUNTAINS.

The Elmira *Gazette* says: "That veteran pioneer of the valley, and, in his younger days, one of the most successful hunters of this region, Mr. John L. Sexton, is in receipt of a letter from his son, Allen G. Sexton, who many years has been 'roughing it' in the wild lands of the Far West. He inherits his father's love of sport, and was known as the 'Daniel Boone of Minnesota' during the years he lived in that State. His letter relating to hunting scenes in the Rocky Mountain country, where he now is, is dated Clancy, Jefferson County, Montana Territory, Feb. 28, 1876, and says:

'We are encamped at present among the foot hills of the Rockies. I am writing in the open air, it is so warm and pleasant. There is no snow in the valleys, but plenty up in the mountains, some of which are snow-crowned all the Summer through. The Winter has been so mild and open that game did not come out of the mountains near as plenty as usual. We kill the following kinds: Elk, deer, mountain sheep, lynx, wild-cat, beaver, fisher, mink, and antelope. The other day I killed three mountain sheep at one shot, while they were running. Had there been more in range I could have brought them down, as I have a powerful-shooting rifle. One morning I shot a black-tail deer and crippled him. It was close to camp, and I thought I would go there and get a young dog we had and see a big fight between the deer and the dog. I put the dog after the animal, which I could have killed easily, when we started him, but I was bound to see a big fight. The dog started off well and soon overhauled the buck, but when he saw his horns the way the dog took a back track beat all the running I ever saw him do before or since. Well, the end of the matter was, it took me two hours to kill that buck, and I used all the cunning and strategy there was in me. When I got him killed and saw his horns, I did not blame the dog much for being afraid, for he had horns more than three times as large as any I ever saw. They were nearly three feet long, and well proportioned. They would not weigh less than one hundred and seventy-five or eighty pounds. I have killed some mountain sheep that had horns six or seven inches through at the head. Bears are abundant. You ought to have seen Elijah when he killed his first elk, and hear him tell about it. We catch all the trout we want, even after the streams are frozen over.'"

LINCOLN AND M'CLELLAN.

Hon. Leonard Swtet, of Chicago, delivered his lecture, "Circuit Riding with Lincoln," in Milwaukee a few nights ago, and in the course of it said: "I remember a case he won for the Illinois Central. It was a great triumph for the road, saving it millions, and he charged $5,000. The road refused to pay. He was angry and brought suit, and there being no appearance for the road, he got judgment. John Douglass, now President of the road, asked him to let him have a chance to appear, and Lincoln had the judgment set aside. They tried the case at once, and his humor before the jury gave him a verdict immediately." The Milwaukee *Sentinel* adds to the story an interesting circumstance which is narrated by Gen. M. Brayman, now a citizen of Wisconsin, but then the attorney of that company. The *Sentinel* says: "It was he who employed Mr. Lincoln to conduct some important litigation for the road. Mr. Lincoln managed the case with great ability, and won a decisive victory. In the meantime George B. McClellan had been appointed General Superintendent of the road. When Mr. Lincoln presented a bill for $5,000, McClellan, reasoning, it may be presumed, that the charge was exorbitant for the services of the gawky country lawyer who stood before him, refused to pay it, and treated Mr. Lincoln with marked discourtesy. Lincoln sued the company and recovered the full amount under the circumstances stated by Mr. Swett. The subsequent relations between the country lawyer and the martinet who snubbed him are historical. It was characteristic of Lincoln to promote his insolent enemy to the command of the Army, but McClellan lacked the soul to appreciate such magnanimity.

RESULTS OF A LETTER TO GEN. BELKNAP.

The St. Louis *Republican* of Friday says: "A gentleman now doing business in this city, and who served in the Army during the war, contributes the following to the fund of peculiar anecdotes that have been developed out of the recent and progressing investigations at Washington. Of course there is a post-tradership in the story. During the war the gentleman made the acquaintance of Belknap, meeting him first at Shiloh. The acquaintance became quite intimate, and continued after the war ended. In 1871 the gentleman concluded he would like to have a post-tradership, and hearing that the place at Camp Douglas, near Salt Lake City, was vacant, made two applications for it by letter. No notice whatever was taken of the applications. A few weeks afterward a man named Maguire, claiming to be a lawyer from Washington, D. C., came to the gentleman and made a point-blank offer to sell him the tradership at Camp Douglas for $2,500. The offer would have been accepted, but Mr. Maguire declined to guarantee the purchaser a year's undisturbed possession of the tradership, and so nothing came of the matter. But the one thing that always puzzled the St. Louis man was to understand how Mr. Maguire ever learned that he was an applicant for a tradership. So far as he can remember, no one could have had any knowledge of those letters except through the person to whom they were addressed."

THE LOVELIEST OF ALL.

Says the Fulton (Mo.) *Telegraph*: "The most beautiful girl in the United States lives in Fulton, Mo. She was at the college soirée on Friday evening last. Her eyes send forth a light so effulgent and magnetic that strangers become spell-bound under its influence, and stand rudely gazing. Her cheeks bear a bloom like the sunny side of an early peach. A pearl would seem almost black beside her teeth. Her form is so graceful that men worship before seeing her face. Her hands suggest the idea of waxen fingers tipped with vermilion. Her smile seems actually to illuminate her presence, and when she laughs the listener fancies he hears sweet music in the distance."

CHEAPENING THE POOR.

The Toronto *Globe* says: "A Detroit seed firm recently moved six and a half sacks of its catalogues to Windsor, Ontario, and there mailed them to persons in the United States, saving $3.170 by the transaction, or cheating the United States revenue, as some call it, out of that amount. The charge for what is known as 'third-class mail matter' in the United States is four times as much as is charged for the same class in Canada. Under the late postal arrangement between the two countries the United States and Canada each agree to take charge of the other's mails without charge. Hence the Detroit transaction."

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—APRIL 1.

SALES FROM 2 TO 3 P. M.

$3,000	Mil. & St. P. C. S. F.	88	
100	Pro. C. L'd & Fet. Cd.	105⅝	
500	Western Union	67⅝	
200	do.	67⅝	
100	do.	67⅝	
2000	do.	67⅝	
800	do.	s3. 67⅞	
200	do.	b3. 68	
200	do.	68	
100	Quicksilver	17¼	
50	U. S. Express	71⅞	
30	Wells, Fargo Ex.	86	
400	Pacific Mail	19¾	
100	do.	19¾	
100	do.	19¾	
200	N. Y. C. & Hud.	113⅛	
300	Erie Railway	b3. 19⅜	
1700	do.	19⅜	
300	do.	s3. 19⅜	
200	do.	s10. 19⅜	
100	do.	s15. 19⅜	
200	do.	b3. 19⅜	
700	do.	19⅜	
100	do.	b3. 19½	
20	Union Pacific	84	
100	Illinois Central	98½	
100	do.	s3. 98⅝	
400	Mich. Cen.	60¾	
500	do.	s3. 60	
200	do.	60	
100	do.	b3. 59⅞	
300	do.	60	
100	do.	b3. 59⅞	
100	do.	60¼	
200	do.	s3. 60¼	
110	Pittsburg	95½	
100	N. J. Central	108	
1500	Lake Shore	s10. 59½	
500	do.	59¾	
3000	do.	59⅝	
2000	do.	59⅝	
800	do.	59⅜	
2500	do.	s3. 59⅜	
1000	do.	59⅜	
50	do.	59⅜	
200	do.	s3. 59⅝	
100	do.	s3. 59⅝	
200	do.	59⅝	
2100	do.	59⅝	
500	do.	b3. 59¾	
200	North-west	s3. 41⅛	
400	do.	41⅛	
200	do.	s3. 41	
200	do.	41	
100	do.	41⅛	
100	St. Paul Pref.	64¾	
100	do.	65½	
100	do.	b3. 65½	
100	St. Paul	c. 39½	
300	do.	39½	
100	do.	39¾	
100	do.	39¾	
200	do.	39⅞	
100	Ohio & Miss.	s30. 18½	
200	do.	18¾	
200	do.	18⅝	
200	do.	18⅝	
100	Chic. & Alton	104½	
500	St. L. & K. C. Pf.	31	
100	St. L. & Iron M.	21	
100	Han. St. Jo. Pf.	24½	
100	do.	b3. 24½	
100	Pac. R. of Mo.	15¾	
100	do.	15¼	

MONDAY, April 4—A. M.

The statement of the Associated Banks, issued from the Clearing-house on Saturday last, reflects the outflow of currency to the Middle and Eastern States to assist in the April sett

quoted a shade lower on light dealings. Winter Wheat has attracted more attention, particularly choice Red and Amber for milling purposes, at very full rates. Sales have been reported since our last of 55,000 bushels, including choice Amber Western, in store, at $1 40 @$1 42, the latter rate for very handsome Wabash; very choice No. 1 Minnesota Spring, in store, a small lot, at $1 42; No. 1 Milwaukee Spring, in store, at $1 38; No. 2 Milwaukee do., of fresh receipt, afloat, at $1 28; prime No. 2 do., Fall inspection, delivered from store, on private terms, quoted at $1 29 bid, and $1 30 asked, (with $1 28 named as the quotation for do., in store;) No. 3 Milwaukee Spring, car lots, at $1 17, ungraded Spring at $1 08@$1 18, car lots, ₱ bushel.....Corn has been advanced about 1c. a bushel, on a light offering, with a good demand noted, partly for export, but the dealings have been checked by the sharp rise in values.....Sales have been reported since our last of 45,000 bushels, for early delivery, at 67½c. (nominally) for Mixed Western, New-York inspection, afloat; 67c. for ungraded Mixed Western; 67c. for steamer Mixed do., New-York inspection; 65½c.@66c.@67c., chiefly at 67c. for "no grade" New-York inspection, afloat; 87½c.@68c. (nominally) for Yellow Western; 67½c.@68c. for Yellow Southern; 66c.@67c. for Yellow Pennsylvania; 67c. for Yellow Jersey, (16,000 bushels;) 67c. for White Southern, and 69½c. for White Western.....And for forward delivery, the offerings have been quite limited at higher prices, thus impeding operations, though a more urgent inquiry has been noted.....Mixed Western, New-York inspection, April option, quoted at the close at 68½c.@68¾c.; do., buyer's option, at 67½c.@68c.; do., May, seller's option, 65c. asked.....Sales have been reported of only 16,000 bushels New-York Steamer Mixed, May options, (8,000 bushels first half, and 8,000 bushels last half of the month,) at 63½c. ₱ bushel for shipment.....Rye, in good demand for export at steady and buoyant prices; sales reported of 16,000 bushels prime Western, in store, at 86c., for shipment to the Continent. Prime Canada quoted at 95c. bid, and 97c. asked.....Peas have been held above the views of buyers and quiet.....Barley, dull; Canada product quoted lower and irregular; a boat-load of No. 1 Canada reported sold at $1 08 ₱ bushel.....Oats have been quite moderately sought after and quoted easier in price, with sales reported of 25,000 bushels at 46¼c.@46¾c. for New-York No. 2, mainly at the latter rate; 46¾c. (reported) for New-York No. 2 White; 42c. for New-York rejected, (five car-loads;) 47 and @52c. for White Western, chiefly at 48½c.@50c. for car lots; 45½c.@48½c. for mixed Western, odd lots, (with prime No. 2 Chicago quoted, afloat, at 49c. asked;) 46½c.@48c. for fair to very good mixed State; and 50c. for good White do.....Hay, Straw, and Feed, without important alteration.....Seeds dull to-day; quotations unchanged.....Calcutta Linseed quoted at $1 85@$1 87½, gold. Stock here 180,829 bags, and at Boston 8,400 bags. Stock of Bombay here, 21,220 bags; at Boston, none.....The week's export clearances hence, for European ports, include 26,826 bbls. Flour, 479,216 bushels Wheat, 185,857 bushels Corn, 11,550 bushels Peas, and 9,638 bushels Rye.

MOLASSES—Invoices of foreign in moderate demand, with Cuba Muscovado quoted steady on the basis of 33c. for 50 test.....Jobbing trade fair at late figures.....Of New-Orleans, 200 bbls. reported sold at 45c.@60c.....Stock of Molasses in first hands here this morning, 9,140 hhds. foreign, (including 783 hhds. Porto Rico, 762 hhds. English Island, and 7,595 hhds. Cuba Muscovado,) against 723 hhds. foreign, April 1, 1875. Stock of New-Orleans, in first hands, to-day, 3,421 bbls.

NAVAL STORES—Resin steady, but quiet. Strained to good Strained quoted at $1 70@$1 80 ₱ 280 lb..... Spirits Turpentine inactive, with Merchantable quoted at 41½c.; sales, 100 bbls. in lots, at 41½c. ₱ gallon..... Tar and Pitch unchanged.

PETROLEUM—Crude in moderate request, and quoted for early delivery at 8¾c., in bulk, and 11¾c., in shipping order. Sales reported of 3,500 bbls., in shipping order, at 11¾c.....Refined in demand; quoted at the close, for early delivery, at 15c. Sales, 6,500 bbls. .....Refined, in cases, 18¾c.@20¾c.....Naphtha, 10¾c. for City.....Refined Petroleum, at Philadelphia, for early delivery, quoted at the close at 14¾c.....At Baltimore, for early delivery, at close, 14¾c.

PROVISIONS—Trade in this line to-day has been unusually tame.....Mess Pork has been inactive at about former rates.....Sales have been reported of 120 bbls. Western Mess, in lots, at $23 20@$23 25.....And for forward delivery nearer deals dull, with Western Mess, April option, quoted at $23 15@$23 20; May, $23 25 @$23 30; June, $23 45@$23 50; July, $23 60@ $23 65; and August, $23 60@$23 70, without transactions.....Prime Mess, and Prime, unchanged.....The stock of Pork in the packing yards to-day was 3,362 bbls., (all new,) against 27,694 bbls. March 1, 1876, and 63,424 bbls. April 1, 1875.....The receipts of Pork in March were 19,100 bbls. The stock here to-day included 12,297 bbls. Mess, 794 bbls. Prime Mess, 5,703 bbls. Prime, and 19,497 bbls. uninspected.....Dressed Hogs scarce and wanted; City quoted at 10¾c.@10¾c.; Figs at 10¾c.....Western Hogs nominal.....Gas-meats dull and drooping. Sales reported of 10,000 ℔. Pickled bellies, in bulk, at 13¼c.; 4,000 ℔. Western Pickled Hams, in a wrapper, part at 12½c.; and sundry small lots of other City bulk stock within the previous range.....Bacon quiet, with City Long Clear quoted at 13c.@13¼c. Sales reported of 1 box Western Short Clear at 13c.....Western Steam Lard has been limited early deals in to-day's market, at rather easier prices.....Of Western Steam, for early delivery here, sales have been reported of 100 tcs. choice to refiners at $14 30, with contract quoted at $14 25 @$14 30.....Western Kettle quoted nominal.....And for Western delivery, 1,000 tcs. Western Steam, April options, on private terms; quoted for prompt delivery, at $13 80@$13 85. And for Cincinnati delivery, 500 tcs. at $13 75.....And for forward delivery here, business has been quite moderate at slightly reduced prices, closing steady.....Western Steam, April option, closed at $14 25; May, $14 37½ @$14 40; June, $14 50@$14 52½; July, $14 62½ .....Sales have been reported of Western Steam to the amount of 1,750 tcs. at May options, at $14 37½@$14 40; 1,750 tcs., June, at $14 50@$14 55; and 500 tcs., July, at $14 65

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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—Tears, Idle Tears.—Mr. H. J. Montague, Mr. J. W. Carroll, Miss Ione Burke.

UNION SQUARE THEATRE.—Ferreol.—Mr. C. R. Thorne, Jr., Mr. J. H. Stoddart, Miss Kate Claxton.

FIFTH AVENUE THEATRE.—Pique.—Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. D. H. Harkins, Miss Fanny Davenport.

LYCEUM THEATRE.—Opera—Comedy—Burlesque.

PARK THEATRE.—Brass.—Miss Rose Wood, Miss Leslie, Mr. George F. Rowe, Mr. Lewis Morrison.

EAGLE THEATRE.—Songs, Dances, Drama, Farce.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—Vaudeville and Variety Entertainment.

BROOKLYN THEATRE.—Ferreol.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—Dramatic Performance—Curiosities—Afternoon and evening.

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF DESIGN.—Annual Exhibition of Paintings.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—Burlesque, Songs, and Negro Comicalities—Birch, Wambold, Backus.

PARISIAN VARIETIES.—Vaudeville and Novelty Entertainment.

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More general interest would be felt in the Connecticut election, which occurs to-day, if it were not for the fact that the Governor and other State officers to be chosen will fill only short terms. These will hold office only until next January; another State election will be held in November of this year, and in future the Connecticut Spring election, heretofore of some importance in national politics, will be a thing of the past. The Legislature to be elected, however, will choose a United States Senator, in place of JAMES E. ENGLISH, temporarily occupying the seat made vacant by the death of Mr. FERRY, and the term thus to be filled out ends March 4, 1879. Latest advices from Connecticut show that there is some prospect that the vote for Governor will be close, with a large percentage in favor of the Democratic candidate. The most that the Republicans expect to accomplish is to throw the choice of Governor into the Legislature. Considering that the Democrats carried the State last year by over sixty-five hundred majority, even this expectation seems extravagant. As for the Legislature, the hope of the Republicans that they may secure a majority in that body is more reasonable. There is no prospect for the election of DAVID A. WELLS, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Third District, where the death of Mr. STARKWEATHER has created a vacancy. As there are two Republican candidates for Mayor in Hartford, one of whom is running on an independent ticket, the Democrats are sure to elect their man, and this division is likely to affect unfavorably the Republican State ticket in that city.

It is a matter for congratulation that Connecticut has spared us, in this age of public scandals, the disgrace of what is known as "a moneyed canvass." Nobody expects that an election can be carried on without spending money. There was a story that Prof. SEELYE, of Amherst, Mass., was elected to Congress without any greater expense to himself than the three cents which he paid out for a certain postage stamp. But somebody must have spent money for printing ballots, posters, &c., and for bringing out aged and infirm voters. These needful expenses, together with some which must be incurred if there are public meetings, are met with so much difficulty in the Connecticut campaign, that there is no probability that money has been used for the corruption of voters. If there are any suspicions that these evil influences have been exerted anywhere, they are directed toward the Legislature, in which the partisans of Senator ENGLISH ardently desire a majority in his interest. Both the Connecticut Senators, EATON and ENGLISH, have manifested such a lively concern in the canvass that they have abandoned their duties in Congress and have devoted their energies to electioneering for the Democratic ticket. These gentlemen appear to have forgotten the high-toned notions which they have professed to hold concerning the dignity of the public service.

As was expected, the House Committee on Appropriations have not been able to exercise any such severe retrenchment in the matter of expenditures for the improvement of rivers and harbors as they have undertaken in other matters. The numerous items in the Appropriation bill to be reported to the House to-day represent widely-scattered constituencies, and these, without reference to political considerations, insist on having their share of projected local improvement. Last year, Congress appropriated $6,393,000 for these purposes; this year, the saving proposed is about a million dollars—a reduction which does not meet the expectations of the "cheese-paring" statesmen of the Democratic side of the House, and does not materially add to the forty millions which these gentlemen have confidently promised to prune from the public expenses.

Another obstacle in the way of the Committee on Appropriations is the lack of harmony among the Democratic members. Considerable reductions in the force of House clerks are proposed by the Legislative Appropriation bill, and as these will cut off the perquisites of the friends of Democratic Congressmen, and reduce the patronage of Democratic members, a very decided hostility to this portion of the bill has manifested itself. Mr. WADDELL, of North Carolina, presumed to differ with one of the leaders of his party, Mr. RANDALL, and has offered an amendment which puts the pay and force of the clerks back to about the same position which they have occupied. On this proposition the disputants will rally. Mr. RANDALL will, of course, stand by his project of retrenchment, but Congressmen who would sacrifice the interests of the public service with great cheerfulness are expected to protest manfully against any sort of economy which affects them so nearly as this.

In the course of an interesting and somewhat heated debate in the Dominion Parliament, on Saturday night, Premier MACKENZIE incidentally committed the Government to the policy of pushing forward the Canadian Pacific Railway scheme with all possible speed. The "irritation existing in British Columbia" is alluded to as a reason why the work should not be delayed. The route now practically settled upon is from Lake Superior to Fort William on the Red River, and thence to Fort George, on the Fraser. The distance between these last-named points is about seventeen hundred miles, and from Fort George to tide-water it is about three hundred miles. The difficulties of the route are very great, but, according to the exhaustive and hopeful statement of Mr. MACKENZIE, they are by no means insurmountable.

CHANGES IN THE PUBLIC DEBT.

If we compare the statement of the public debt issued on Saturday with that of March 1, 1869, two prominent features will command our attention. One of these is not creditable to Congress and the nation, while the other may be regarded with gratification both by the people and their representatives. The fact which is disgraceful is the inaction which has so long characterized the Government with respect to the currency. The following comparisons will bring out the truth so strongly that comment on our part will not be necessary. The legal-tender notes outstanding April 1, 1876, and March 1, 1869, were:

April 1, 1876	$370,765,948
March 1, 1869	355,894,859
Increase	$14,870,389

The fractional currency:

April 1, 1876	$42,604,894
March 1, 1869	36,781,548
Increase	$5,823,346

The national bank notes:

April 1, 1876	$310,000,000
March 1, 1869	293,000,000
Increase	$17,000,000

The amount of bank notes, as stated above, is exclusive of notes of gold banks and the surrendered circulation for the redemption of which legal-tender notes have been deposited in the Treasury. The above statistics show an increase in all sorts of paper money since 1869, amounting to $37,693,735. On the other hand, the amount of specie in the Treasury, after deducting that which belongs to the holders of gold certificates, has decreased as follows:

March 1, 1869	$69,965,700
April 1, 1876	41,419,194
Decrease	$28,546,506

Of the $41,419,194 now belonging to the Government, less than twenty-five millions are gold, the rest being silver coin and silver bullion, which are of precisely the same value as legal-tender notes. The Treasury currency balance has also decreased. It was on

March 1, 1869	$16,853,529
April 1, 1876	5,965,626
Decrease	$10,887,903

To offset the above increases of paper money and reduction of coin and currency balances some $57,000,000 of three per cent. currency certificates, which were counted by the banks as reserve, have been paid.

Let us now turn to the other side of the picture, which is not so disheartening. The total amount of bonds bearing coin interest was, on

March 1, 1869	$2,107,854,050
April 1, 1876	1,695,037,250
Decrease	$412,816,700

These bonds in 1869 and 1876 bore interest as follows:

	1876.	1869.
Six per cent.	$984,999,650	$1,886,264,750
Five per cent.	710,037,600	221,589,300
Total	$1,695,037,250	$2,107,854,050

The interest accruing every year on the above bonds was:

	1876.	1869.
Six per cent.	$59,099,979	$113,175,885
Five per cent.	35,501,880	11,079,465
Total	$94,601,859	$124,255,350

This gives an annual saving in interest of $29,653,491, in addition to three per cent. on the $57,000,000 of currency certificates which have been paid off. It would unquestionably have been wiser in Congress, instead of forbidding the withdrawal of legal-tender notes, to have retired a moderate amount of them every year, but it may be doubted if a majority of the people were in favor of such action during most of the period covered by our comparison. Though we have neglected to make the most beneficial use of our surplus revenues, it is still something to have diminished the burden of the public debt one-fourth in seven years. The public expenditures now begin to show the effect of reduced appropriations, the net decrease of the debt in the last nine months being $17,969,286, against $9,453,463 in the same months of the previous fiscal year. Eighteen million dollars in six per cent. bonds have so far been called for the sinking fund. To complete the $32,140,000 required by that fund this year the Secretary must pay fourteen millions more of the public debt. It seems to us that the payment of legal-tender notes and fractional currency will satisfy the terms of the law.

There are still outstanding nearly a thousand millions of six per cent. bonds, and to replace them the Secretary of the Treasury is permitted to issue nothing more inviting than a four and a half per cent. bond to be sold at par. It would seem not to be difficult to ascertain whether four and a half per cent. bonds can be sold on such terms as the Secretary is authorized to offer. If they cannot be negotiated on these terms better ones should be held out to capitalists. We certainly are now paying at least twenty per cent. more interest on all the redeemable six per cent. bonds than there is any necessity for paying. It seems to be impossible to get the House of Representatives, which has the privilege of originating financial measures, to attend to so trivial a matter as the saving of the seven or eight million dollars a year which is now needlessly paid away for interest. If the present Administration has not brought us back to specie payments, it has certainly lightened the load of the public debt. The Democratic leaders seem inclined to do nothing but investigate, which is very well in its way, but is not the sole purpose for which Congress meets, as reference to the Constitution will show.

A QUESTION OF HONESTY.

About one-third of the money received from Great Britain under the Geneva award has been distributed according to the provisions of the bill passed last Winter. That bill prohibited the tribunal to which the matter was referred from listening to claimants who were underwriters, unless they could show that their losses had exceeded their receipts on account of war risks. The claims of this class constituted the largest part of those submitted to the Geneva arbitrators, to satisfy which the money was paid by Great Britain. It is not surprising, therefore, that two-thirds of the money is not yet distributed, though substantially all other just claims have been discharged.

The question now arises, what shall be done with the unexpended residue of the award. A majority of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives has agreed upon a bill on this subject which ought not to pass, because it directs the payment of the money to those to whom it does not belong, and leaves to those to whom the money does belong only what remains. The bill distributes the award, first to those who were damaged by vessels for which Great Britain was not held accountable; second, to those who paid "war premiums" for insurance, which, by the explicit decision of the arbitrators and the equally explicit assent of the United States, were adjudged not to be a ground of claim against Great Britain; and third, to the underwriters. One member of the Judiciary Committee is in favor of turning over the money now on hand to the United States, though the Board of Arbitrators at the outset ruled out of court all claims of the United States, as a Government, for any injury inflicted by the rebel cruisers, except in the case of Government property actually destroyed, and decided to consider only the definite claims for individual losses, the amount of which could be clearly ascertained and proved. The remaining members of the committee, viz.: the Chairman, Mr. KNOTT, Messrs. ASHE, LYNDE, and HURD, propose to admit the claims of insurers to the court for adjudication, and, where just, for payment.

The essential point raised by these various propositions for the distribution of the Geneva award is one of national honesty. The Government of the United States received fifteen millions and a half from Great Britain to satisfy certain claims allowed by the Geneva Board of Arbitration. The question now under discussion is whether it shall use the money to satisfy the claims for which it was awarded, or whether it shall either use it for other claims or pocket it. That is absolutely and beyond any shadow of contention the question which Congress is called upon to decide. Concerning the rights of insurers in the matter there is much misunderstanding and considerable clamor, but to those who have given the subject careful attention there is, so far as we can see, no room for doubt. The insurers are, we believe with no important exceptions, mutual companies. They are made up of merchants, who, in respect of these claims, clubbed together to share whatever losses might occur. Out of their common contributions they have actually paid the total value of all the property for which they now claim repayment. When one of their number sent a ship to sea, or placed freight on board, he paid into the common treasury a certain fixed sum for the right to draw out of that treasury the full value, which was agreed on at the time, of his property if it were lost. In the case of every dollar now claimed from the Geneva award, the original owner has received the actual value of his whole property, together, in most cases, with what he paid as premium for insurance. He has thus been made whole. By a principle of law as old as marine insurance, whatever may be afterward recovered of this property, or of compensation for it, belongs to the company which has paid the original owner for it. As Mr. WEBSTER says, "There is no more universal maxim of law and justice throughout the civilized and commercial world than that an underwriter, who has paid a loss on ship or merchandise to the owner, is entitled to whatever may be received from the property. His right accrues by the very act of payment. And if the property, or its proceeds, be afterward recovered, in whole or in part, whether the recovery be from the sea, from captors, or *from the justice of foreign States*, such recovery is for the benefit of the underwriter."

This is the basis of the claim of the insurers to participate in the Geneva award. If they were stock companies their claim would be incontestable. There could be none to dispute it—not the original owner, for he has been paid once; not the Government, for it never had any rights in the property destroyed. The claim is still stronger in the case of mutual insurers. They have paid the losses out of funds contributed for that purpose alone. They make no profit by the business, but only divide among all the losses of each. What right, then, has the Government to withhold money paid by Great Britain to reimburse these losses?

For there is no doubt that the United States presented the claims of underwriters at Geneva; that Great Britain conceded their justice so far as any were just, and that the tribunal considered them in making up the award. That these facts bind the United States to recognize the right of underwriters to their part of the award seems to us a proposition so plain that it is almost absurd to argue in its support. The money either belongs to the United States, or it is held in trust. If it belongs to the United States it ought to go into the Treasury to pay the obligations or expenses of the Government. Of this disposition of it it is only necessary to say that if the United States had avowed any such intention it would not have got the money. The tribunal gave the award to pay damages to United States citizens. It would not have given it for anything else. The award was not specifically called a trust, and the United States Government was not required to say that it should be given to those to whom it belonged, because no one ever dreamed that anything else would or could be done with it. If the fund is a trust, then it is a trust for all whose claims were recognized by the tribunal. No other means of determining the nature of the trust exists, or can be discovered. Of those whose claims the tribunal recognized, the underwriters were the principal, and there is no conceivable ground of justice or decency on which they can be excluded.

THE EMPEROR OF BRAZIL.

Dom PEDRO of Brazil is well on his way toward our shores. He will be the first if not the last crowned head to visit us in our Centennial year. Although Emperor of a land much larger than the United States, and one in the same hemisphere with us, we know less, and perhaps care less about, the inhabitants of Brazil than about the dwellers in some of the petty districts in Europe. This was natural enough so long as we were colonists lately issued from and still looking back to the great hive of Northern Europe, but it may well be asked whether the time has not come to regard more closely our next-door neighbors and see what profit and pleasurable interest may be found in their borders. It would not be difficult to prove that it is more important to us to have the friendship of Central and South America than that of any of the great European nations.

The first ventures of the New-England States in commerce were mainly toward the West Indies, and a strong bias against us arose among London merchants, owing to our serious inroads on their trade with Spanish America. The trading Englishman could stand rivalry even less than the royalist Englishman could stand rebellion to a King's Parliament. In this South American trade we first essayed our talents as seafarers, and what we learned proved an overwhelming argument in settling both the Revolutionary War and that of 1812. The Mexican war gave some color to suspicion of our motives in regard to Spanish-American States. From that untoward event date the hate and fear with which they still regard us—a hatred which their continued revolutions and lack of education have not allowed to die out. Even less instructed than Europeans concerning the real character of the United States, the South American populations are to some degree excusable if they take the plans and projects which adventurers sometimes air in Washington for serious danger to their liberties. They, even more quickly than Europeans, will believe that the whole people would not be averse to back up an armed attack by filibusters with the power of the whole country. But surely it is time to extend a friendly hand to South Americans, and by all the means in our power show them that we wish them well, that we do not covet their land, and that closer relations in the way of trade will tend to the advancement of both.

Brazil has two institutions, as we Americans have the right to call them—namely, slavery and the empire—which seem to make a greater bar between her and the United States than exists in the case of other South American peoples. But these are not abiding evils. Slavery has been gradually lessening in extent throughout the vast domain of Rio and the Amazons, and merely awaits the breath of commerce and education to disappear. The Empire is even now a limited one, and under the enlightened rule of Dom PEDRO shows only its better side—the power, namely, to control a vast, dislocated country, filled with Indians, wild and tame, mulattoes, negroes of every tint, Portuguese, and Spaniards. We do not wish to give the impression that under the Empire there are no flagrant abuses, no corruption, no mismanagement; but it is possible that such a motley nation can be only held together by a single will. Later on, with slavery put a stop to and education increased, a Republic can take the place of the Empire; at present a Republic is not thought of.

Brazil already exports a greater quantity of its chief product—india-rubber—to the United States than to any other land. The country is filled with the most marvelous treasures the vegetable world can show. New medicines for special illnesses await the coming botanist on the banks of the Madeira and Rio Negro, new oils for food or household uses hang unused in the strange fruits among the dense forests of the Amazon, new woods for every species of great and little carpenter work rot unheeded on the great Brazilian plateaus. To develop these Brazil must have steam-ships and railways, and we are the people who can supply them to the greatest satisfaction. She needs engineers and mechanics who have the enterprise necessary to carry out great plans in a difficult country, and they are among us in greater number than in Europe. She wants machines for the reduction of raw materials; she wants cheap clothing. We can say that in the former we are unsurpassed, and as to the latter, Rhode Island is just now selling prints in Manchester itself.

Let us regard, therefore, the visit of the Emperor of Brazil, in the first place, as an act of appreciation—for your ordinary Emperor does not love republics overmuch—and in the next place, as an inauguration of closer relations between North and South America. Let us hope that Brazil and the United States will begin to interchange more freely the products of their respective industry and skill, and that the beginning which Brazil has made will be followed by the other South American States in good time. But were there no prospect of mutual advantage, it would still be our duty to welcome with enthusiasm a ruler so earnest for the good of his people, and a man so highly cultured as Dom PEDRO of Brazil.

SENATORS AND THE PRESIDENCY.

It recently occurred to some wiseacre to attribute to one of the Senators whose name has been mentioned in connection with the Presidency the remarkable statement that none of the Presidents of the United States had ever been in the Senate. Perhaps the number of the members of the Senate who have wished to be President and have failed has given rise to the impression that they all fail. But so far is this from being true that, if we leave out of view WASHINGTON, before whose Presidency there was no Senate, and JOHN ADAMS, who was Vice President from the beginning of the existence of the Senate to the beginning of his own term, more than one-half of the Presidents have served in the Senate. Eighteen persons have filled the Presidential chair, fifteen by election and three by succession from the office of Vice President. Putting aside WASHINGTON and the elder ADAMS, for the reasons mentioned above, we find nine Presidents who had been in the Senate. Of these, seven were elected to the Presidency and two to the Vice Presidency. Of the remainder, who reached the White House without going through the Senate, two—Gen. TAYLOR and Gen. GRANT—were taken from the Army. Thus the number who came from political life was fourteen, and of these one-half were chosen President and two were chosen Vice President and subsequently held the higher office, leaving only five Presidents who were selected from civil life and had no Senatorial experience. This is a pretty good showing for Senators, and if any of the present members of that august class have given way to despondency under the vague impression that the current notion about the fertility of the Senate in Presidents was correct, they may take heart of hope again. Whenever the subject is mentioned in popular discourse, the names of the great Senators—CLAY, WEBSTER, SEWARD—whose aspirations for the Executive office were so bitterly disappointed, suggest themselves. These are believed, however, to have failed because they were too great as Senators to be popular as candidates. Perhaps this may be the case with those members of the present Senate who have an eye on the "other end of the avenue," as Mr. THADDEUS STEVENS used to call it. But it is too early to decide that question, and meantime the large proportion of Presidents who have been Senators is undeniable.

Mr. MONROE was the first President who had served in the Senate. He had the good luck to be identified with the "era of good feeling" which followed the war of 1812; but in the Senate, as in the French mission, he was a violent partisan, and it was hardly his wisdom or his eloquence which secured him promotion. The younger ADAMS, who succeeded him, was a very prominent and able Senator, and may be said to have made his political reputation as largely there as in any other of the varied stations he occupied. Gen. JACKSON—though at the time of his election to the Presidency known better as the hero of New-Orleans—was a Tennessee Senator, and undoubtedly acquired in that capacity much of the knowledge of the politicians of his day which stood him in such good stead in his more conspicuous position. VAN BUREN, as Senator from the State of New-York, laid the foundations for the reputation which afterward made him the best-abused and most feared politician of his time. Gen. HARRISON was a very modest Senator from Ohio, and TYLER a very active Senator from Virginia. Thus it is to be seen that for a period of twenty-eight years, beginning with 1817 and concluding with the inauguration of POLK, the President's chair was occupied in uninterrupted succession by men who had been in the Senate.

In 1852 PIERCE was chosen President. He had been sent to the Senate some fifteen years before from New-Hampshire, but it was his views of the "peculiar institution," and his services, political and military, in the war for the annexation of Texas, which made him President. His successor, Mr. BUCHANAN, had been a Senator, and a very faithful and industrious one. Finally, Mr. ANDREW JOHNSON was for many years in the Senate, and it was there that he made those vehement and courageous denunciations of secession which caused him to be named with enthusiasm at Baltimore, in 1864, as the companion of Mr. LINCOLN on the Presidential ticket.

MASSACHUSETTS DAMS.

When the Confederates planted torpedoes in the path of SHERMAN'S army during his march to the sea, he made squads of prisoners march in advance of his troops, and either dig up the torpedoes or point out their situation by the simple process of exploding them. Without discussing the question whether this action was in accordance with the vague and vexed rules of civilized wartare, there is no doubt that the public would heartily approve of a somewhat similar proceeding in the case of the engineers who have, during the last few years, been busily planting explosive dams in the valleys and ravines of Massachusetts. So frequently have these dams burst that it is now generally believed that no Massachusetts engineer ever built a dam sufficiently strong for its ostensible purpose, and there is not a person living in the neighborhood of a Massachusetts mill-pond or reservoir who may not expect to be washed out of house and home whenever a freshet occurs. If there were a law compelling every engineer to live immediately at the foot of his dam, there is no doubt that safer dams would be built. At present, as soon as an engineer builds a dam in Massachusetts he flies to a remote part of the State and waits for it to burst, so that he can obtain fresh employment in rebuilding it. The severe, and possibly cruel, statute just suggested would certainly tend to the building of dams intended to be permanent, and engineers would no longer look upon dam-building as a species of serial publication, and would cease to ask mill-owners to subscribe to annual or semi-annual dams.

Of course, it is not necessary to suppose that the Massachusetts engineers build dams with the deliberate intention of facilitating their early destruction. Still there is no denying the fact that their method of building is extremely bad. They appear to have studied their art in ship-yards, and to be under the delusion that a dam, like a ship, must be so constructed as to admit of easy launching. When they proceed to build a dam their first step is to select a river bed of clay or gravel and to lay the stone work of the dam gently on this yielding bed. When a freshet comes the dam glides gradually and gracefully from its cradle, and a picturesque and expensive scene follows. Until the engineers rid themselves of this false impression as to the analogy between dam-building and ship-building, a Massachusetts valley will be a rather more dangerous place to visit than was any Southern turnpike planted with rebel torpedoes for the reception of SHERMAN'S army.

After the first Mill River disaster it was pointed out that the dam at Worcester, and scores of other dams in various parts of the State, were in a dangerous condition and liable to give way at the first heavy freshet. Certain engineers then made a feeble attempt to divert public attention from themselves by asserting that they had always wanted to build strong dams, but that the mill-owners who employed them had a preference for weak dams. The public, however, was not disposed to accept this explanation. There was an essential improbability in the assertion that the Massachusetts mill-owners really desired to have their property destroyed by every annual freshet, and it was also urged that no engineer could excuse himself for building a dangerous dam by endeavoring to transfer the blame to his employers. The responsibility for the scores of dams that are waiting among the hills of Massachusetts for a sufficient pretext to step down and out, and thus set free floods that may drown whole villages, rests with the engineers who built them. The only question to which the public desires an answer is why all Massachusetts engineers are born with a congenital incapacity to build proper dams. Is there a solitary engineer in the whole State who can build a dam that will permanently hold water? If there be one, he has only to come forward and exhibit himself at Philadelphia, neatly labeled "An Intelligent Massachusetts Engineer, (unique specimen)," to make a certain and rapid fortune.

The State ought to have given careful attention to this matter two years ago, and caused the immediate reconstruction of all doubtful dams. As this has not yet been done, it is time for the people who reside in the neighborhood of the dams to take the affair into their own hands. It is not a difficult matter to catch an engineer alive, and when caught and tethered by a long chain at the foot of a dangerous dam he could be readily convinced that the dam needed to be repaired. What is needed is not a short chain that would interfere with the use of his limbs and faculties, but a chain sufficiently long to permit him to oversee and direct workmen engaged upon the dam, and yet not long enough to enable him to evade a sudden flood. If this course were pursued, there is no doubt that the intellect of the average engineer would be stimulated to such a degree that he would perceive what measures were needed to make the dam safe. Of course, it is desirable that the State authorities should themselves assume the duty of thus educating the engineers, but if the State neglects its proper work there should be a wholesome public opinion among the citizens which would render it morally certain that henceforth no Massachusetts dam can burst without satisfactorily drowning its engineer.

DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CANAL APPRAISERS.

The recently printed report of the Canal Appraisers for the last fiscal year contains some very interesting facts, and furnishes some valuable data for comparison. The whole number of claims for alleged canal damages was 118, and the amount claimed was $378,652 81. During the months of October, November, and December five more claims were filed, with an aggregate of $7,450. During the same fiscal year 165 awards were made to claimants, and the aggregate amount allowed was $107,371 94. During the following three months above enumerated 52 more awards were made, and the amount allowed was $8,571 48. During their term of office, which commenced in January, 1873, the Appraisers heard and decided 491 claims. The aggregate amount claimed was $1,361,236 30. The amount of the awards made was $142,307 31, and the amount disallowed $1,218,929 01, nearly nine-tenths of the whole amount claimed.

These Appraisers were appointed by Gov. DIX, and their transactions belong to the work of Republican reform quietly carried out under his administration. There are many tables accompanying their report exhibiting these transactions in detail. They show, in comparison with the work of the preceding three years, very remarkable results. During the three years ending the 30th September, 1873, the Democratic Appraisers appointed under the Tweed régime awarded $1,146,250 11 to claimants. The whole amount awarded by their Republican successors, as above shown, was $142,307 31. During the last fifteen and a half months of the term of the Democratic Appraisers they awarded the enormous sum of $905,000. The Republican Appraisers during the year 1874 only awarded $33,439.

The extravagant awards of the Democratic Appraisers seemed to create no surprise or alarm. It was not until the work of reform and retrenchment had shown such conspicuous results that Gov. TILDEN commenced his raid upon canal contractors, not to correct any errors then existing or to arrest any abuses then in progress, but to make political capital, as his whole subsequent course proves, by calling public attention to depredations committed by his own political friends, which had been consummated, and for which there was no remedy. Whether the Governor in his next electioneering tour will claim all this retrenchment as the fruit of his own Administration, as he claimed last year all the reduction in taxation and expenditure accomplished under the Republican administration of his predecessor, the future will show.

THE ADAMS PROPERTY IN BOSTON.

The Boston *Advertiser* says: "Hon. Charles Francis Adams has recently come into possession of the block numbered from 15 to 19 on Court street, and he now owns the buildings from 15 to 25. He will soon begin to tear down the present structures and erect a fine building on the land. The property where the buildings numbered 23 and 25 are now has been in possession of the family ever since 1782, when it was purchased by John Adams, grandfather of Charles Francis Adams, and the second President of the United States. He probably intended to occupy the house which then stood on the land for a residence, instead of Braintree, where he then lived, but it does not appear that he occupied it for more than a few months, as he soon left for Congress. In 1809 the house, which had been left to John Quincy Adams, father of the present owner, was torn down and the present building erected."

THE FINE ARTS.

THE ACADEMY EXHIBITION.

NOTES OF THE PRINCIPAL WORKS ON VIEW—COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS EXHIBITIONS.

A second and more careful inspection of the Spring exhibition at the Academy of Design has but satisfied us of the correctness of our first impression that the exhibition, as a whole, is inferior to its two immediate predecessors. The absence of any large and important works is specially notable. This may, perhaps, be accounted for by the fact that many of our artists have been engaged in preparing works for the Centennial, and that sufficient time for the execution of pictures suitable for both exhibitions was not afforded them. Mr. Church, we understand, was prevented from becoming an exhibitor at the Academy by an unfortunate oversight on his own part. Of the manner in which the Hanging Committee, Messrs. Lambdin, Wilmarth, and Sonntag, have done their work, little need be said, for it is a well-known fact that Hanging Committees never, by any chance, succeed in pleasing every one. It appears to us, however, that they have acted in the main judiciously, that no important work has been denied a place on the line, and that no budding genius has been rendered desperate by having his light hidden away in a dark corner. To hang some 600 pictures in a limited space, so that all shall have a fair chance of being seen to advantage is no slight task, and the members of the Hanging Committee may congratulate themselves on so satisfactory a termination of their labors as is apparent in this instance. Whether the plan they have adopted in some cases of collecting each artist's work in one group is judicious or not is certainly doubtful. In several instances they have not been able to carry out this portion of their programme.

Commencing with the landscapes in the south room, we find the two most notable works in the exhibition hanging side by side—"Evening, High Sierras, California," (No. 377,) by James D. Smillie, and "The Wilds of the Adirondacks," (No. 389,) by A. H. Wyant. Mr. Smillie's picture has a stretch of marshy meadow-land in the foreground, some dense woods in the middle distance, and behind them a group of bare granite mountains, lying bright and warm beneath the evening sun. Mr. Smillie has painted no more successful picture than this. The color is extraordinarily rich, and at the same time truthful, the purple tints of the woodland, which artists are so fond of indulging in, and which in nature never overpowers the natural color of the foliage, being here kept within due bounds. Some judicious art patron purchased the picture within half an hour after the galleries were opened on Monday. In Mr. Wyant's picture we have quite a different theme—a glimpse of one of the wild recesses of the Adirondacks. The charm of this work lies in the crisp painting of the foliage, the careful study of tree-trunks and rocks, and the delicate gradations of color. The mystery of complete solitude has here found an adequate representative. In some respects it is an improvement on the work exhibited by Mr. Wyant at the last Spring exhibition. Mr. J. B. Bristol, who has made rapid advances in his art during the last two or three years, sends three pictures. All are good, showing much feeling and a delicate sense of color. The best is, perhaps, "The Adirondacks from North Ferisburg, Vt.," (No. 385,) with its vast expanse of lake and wood and mountain fading away into ether. Mr. James M. Hart's "Among Friends," (No. 409,) has two well-painted trees and a cow in the foreground, and this, we believe, is all the praise that can be bestowed on it. The color is cold, the foliage in the middle distance gray and woolly, and the background weak and uncertain. Mr. J. F. Cropsey contents himself by exhibiting one large work, "Autumn on the Ramapo," (No. 364,) in which he appears to have lost the key of his color, absolutely rioting in brilliant reds and yellows, and distracting the eye in a very unpleasant manner.

In the marines, Mr. Edward Moran, whose pictures are collected in a group, makes the strongest show. "Homeward Bound," (No. 420,) a yacht rounding the Light-ship; "The Gates of the Clouds," (No. 422,) and "Sunset off Montauk Point," (No. 423,) are all good and strikingly effective, the cloud scene being the least conventional and the best. Mr. Colman has a richly-colored and strong work, "Venetian Fishing-boats," (No. 363,) and Mr. A. T. Bricher sends two pictures, "A Lift in the Fog," (No. 390,) and "Summer Afternoon, Salisbury Beach," (No. 396.) The larger work shows more individuality of style than we are accustomed to look for in Mr. Bricher's pictures, but the rocks are poorly painted. They are unsubstantial enough to float off if a storm should arise. To Mr. M. F. H. De Haas' works, and some others, we shall refer hereafter.

Turning to other subjects, we find a very remarkable picture, and one that has attracted a good deal of attention, by John Mulvany, a young artist, we believe, whose name is as yet unknown to fame. He entitles it, "Preliminary Trial of a Horse-thief," (No. 351,) being a scene in a Western Justice's court. Unfortunately, Mr. Mulvany seems to understand very little of the rules of composition, to be ignorant, indeed, of the art by which the spectator's eye can be drawn to that exact point of the composition on which the artist desires that it should rest, and the consequence is that Mr. Mulvany's picture has no central point. It is true that the prisoner and his son, as we suppose the lad is, are very nearly in the centre of the canvas, but the eyes is distracted from them by their surroundings. Had there been just one-half of the number of figures in the composition that Mr. Mulvany has placed there, his picture would have been worth a great deal more than it is as a work of art. Nevertheless it is well worthy of notice. The figures of the Justice, the lawyer, and the clerk of the court, with his wooden leg, perched on a box, and taking notes with a lead pencil on the back of an old account book, are admirably drawn. The horse-thief, a down-looking but desperate ruffian, is leaning against a pillar. Near him sits the jailor with a pair of handcuffs, and behind him, on the top of a barrel, his fourteen-year old son, with a face in which dirt, despair, and revenge are struggling for the mastery. The surrounding groups are made up of stolid-looking, bowie-knived young men, coolly puffing forth volumes of tobacco-smoke, and apparently regarding the whole matter as an every-day affair, about which no one need trouble himself particularly. The various figures, some fifty in all, are exceedingly well drawn, and the variety of expressions brought out with great power. No face or figure is repeated; each has its distinct individuality, from the gray-haired Justice to the thief's son. To paint such a work shows a command of resources which we believe has astonished Mr. Mulvany's brethren of the brush, as well as the public generally. Mr. A. F. Tait has a strong study of a treed bear and dogs, (No. 388.) Mr. Tait, however, has either intended to represent a very young bear indeed, whose claws have not yet grown, though its size does not indicate this, or has forgotten to give sufficient prominence to those useful ursine appendages. In a notice of this work in an evening paper the writer remarked that Mr. Tait must have taken his study from the body of a dead bear, as the claws of the animal in the picture are withdrawn like those of a good-humored cat, but neither dead nor live bears can withdraw their claws, any more than a dog can. Mr. Tait's bear is a tame one, and has had its claws clipped. Mr. W. H. Beard's "Worn Out," (No. 406,) tells its own story. An old white horse, on four rather lofty legs, is standing in front of a hovel, on the step of which sits his master, as worn out as himself, holding up a boot, also worn out, and discovering that the toes of his stockings are worn out too. Mr. Beard frequently indulges his somewhat cynical humor, and gives us covert satires upon human nature and the passions and follies to which we are prone. In this work he looks upon the sadder side of life. Old and worn out, man and brute, alone, neglected, and despised. Perhaps Mr. Beard means this as a satire too. Mr. T. W. Wood is not successful in large compositions. "The Tranta," (No. 410,) is very unsatisfactory; the color is crude and patchy, and the whole work quite unworthy of bearing Mr. Wood's name. "The Country Gallants," (No. 384,) by Mr. J. G. Brown, is an improvement on some of his previous efforts; there is unity in the composition, though it is a little hard in outline. The boys and girls are evidently fully absorbed in what they are about, and are not posing for their portraits to be taken. "A Practical Joke," (No. 437,) by Mr. L. E. Wilmarth, shows a great advance on all this gentleman's previous work. It represents a man dangling an

imitation spider at the end of a string in the face of a citizen soldier, who is much alarmed thereby. The figures are uncommonly well drawn and solidly painted, and the expressions absolutely lifelike, but we can not but feel that the subject is unworthy of an artist who can turn out such work as this. The flaring red coat and blue pantaloons, too, make an unpleasing contrast. The accessories—the new pail half full of water and the iron door with the chalk marks on it—are painted with rare fidelity and skill. Let Mr. Wilmarth take a loftier theme and carry it out with as much technical power as he has shown here and fame and fortune may be his. Mr. J. H. Dolph shows some feline studies of merit, though deficient in texture. Mr. J. H. Beard has two very poor pictures, "Tired Out" and "Wide Awake." The babies are mere wax dolls and the puppies such as can be bought at a toy shop. "The Scissors Grinder," (No. 405,) by Mr. George H. Story, is rather sketchy, and raw in color, but full of character. "Song without Words," (No. 394,) by Mr. William Morgan, is hardly satisfactory. Mr. Morgan's work does not show improvement. The lady's face is affectedly sentimental. "A Woman Serving," (No. 371,) by Mrs. M. R. Oakey, is a mere copy of a well-known work. The woman has a very pretty and rather expensive dress, the texture of which is skillfully rendered, but her face is of wood and her hair of cast-iron. "A Brittany Interior," (No. 413,) by Mr. Edgar Ward, in its good drawing and cool color shows the influence of the school in which he has studied.

The portraits seem to be rather less numerous than usual, which is not perhaps to be regretted. Among the best is No. 414, by Mr. Huntington, a graceful work, exceedingly good in pose, color, molding, and expression. This is one of Mr. Huntington's many successes. His portrait of ex-Judge Mitchell is also good, fresh in color, and strong in expression. Mr. Alexander Lawrie sends but one picture, a three-quarter-length portrait of a very charming young lady in a black velvet riding habit, a solidly painted, richly colored, and altogether fine work. Mr. Ritchie is no flatterer. His head of an old man (No. 354) is painted with almost photographic fidelity, though not, we think, painted from a photograph. Mrs. A. H. Loop seems to contest the palm successfully with her rivals of the other sex. No. 389, by this lady, though sketchy and unfinished, is worthy of note. Mr. Page sends but two portraits. That of President Charles Elliot, (No. 381,) shows fine molding and good flesh color, as usual, but the drapery is carelessly painted, and the robe is rather gray than black. Mr. Thomas Le Clear has a sketch but cleverly executed three-quarter-length, (No. 401,) a favorite size it would seem. The pose is remarkably easy and graceful.

In the east room, the most striking works are those by Mr. Eastman Johnson, "Husking Bee, Nantucket," (No. 285,) and "The New Bonnet." (No. 289.) In the first we have a large corn-field with a fine stretch of landscape behind it, a row of old gentlemen comfortably seated in chairs, busy at their work of husking the golden corn, and in the middle distance the younger participants in the "bee" going and coming. It is subdued in tone and strictly harmonious, a careful study from nature, evidently, well composed, and purporting to be no more than it is. It is not a show picture in any sense, but a careful record of a peculiar phase of American country life. In "The New Bonnet" we see the old peddler, which Mr. Johnson has introduced into more than one of his works, a thin-faced and chilly old man, cowering over the fire, while two young women admire the new bonnet which he has just brought them. One, however, finds time, while admiring the bonnet, to mix a glass of something warm for the old man, whose ear has evidently caught the familiar sound of the clink of the spoon against the glass. This is one of the best of Mr. Johnson's smaller compositions. Mr. A. F. Bellows sends "An Autumn Ramble," (No. 284,) weak in color and woolly as to foliage. Mr. William Hart sends three small pictures, one of which, (No. 337,) appears to be an experiment in a new style, so far as regards touch. It would be quite evident, however, to any one not acquainted with Mr. Hart's usual style, that this is not his natural one. It is an attempt to imitate the bold, free touch of some of the European masters, such as Van Marcke, but the freedom and boldness are wanting. There are too many retouches and scrapings. The composition, a group of cows in a meadow, is not lacking in sentiment, but the work merely shows that Mr. Hart might become a very successful copyist should he condescend to attempt it. Mr. T. L. Smith has a small "Winter View in Onondaga," (No. 390,) showing much delicate gradation of color and fine feeling; it is an improvement on some of his later works. Mr. J. B. Irving's "Off the Track," (No. 330,) is not specially notable. The humor seems somewhat forced. A nicely painted "Interior of City Hall, Danzig, (No. 331,) by H. Hager, is worthy of attention for its fine color and perspective. Mr. George C. Lambdin has six pictures on view, the best apparently being "Music and Refreshments," (No. 294,) a party of boys amusing themselves in a barn. The color is rather unsatisfactory, but the story is well told. Among the landscapes, Mr. A. H. Wyant shows to advantage. "Pat O'Donohue's Farm," (No. 313,) is one of the best of his smaller compositions. The true sentiment of Irish mountain and river scenery finds expression here. Similar praise cannot be awarded to Mr. Arthur Parton's "Head of Loch Awe," (No. 332,) a highly conventional work, which does not give the sentiment of Scotch scenery.

There are a number of other works in this and the north and west rooms to which we shall refer in a future article.

THE SCHAUS GALLERY.

This gallery will be opened to-day with a very choice collection of works of art of a high class, which will be exhibited for two weeks for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian Association. The collection comprises specimens by Cabanel, Diaz, Brillouin, Ziem, Florent Willems, Vibert, Leloir, Seignac, Worms, J. W. and Emilie Preyer, Sell, J. Goupil, P. J. Clays, and many other artists of note. The "Penelope" of Cabanel represents the lady standing on the terrace of her island home at Ithaca, and watching for the return of her long-absent lord. In her left hand she holds the thread with which she is weaving the shroud for Laërtes, the shuttle having dropped at her feet. The face is of the pure Grecian type, and the dark eyes are full of sorrow, but not the sorrow that finds vent in tears. The arms and listless drooping hands are modeled and painted with wonderful skill. The artist has represented Penelope as young, and we must therefore suppose that she has but just commenced her twenty years of watching and solicitude. Another fine picture represents "The Port of Venice" by Ziem, with the State barge lying at anchor and the wharves crowded with sailors and spectators. It is a remarkably strong work, rich in color and painted with a bold, free touch, yet not having that ragged, unfinished look that detracts from the value of many of this artist's compositions. Brillouin has "Les Noces de Georges Dardin," representing the signing of the marriage contract of the wealthy *bourgeois* with a nobly born lady. Dardin richly dressed and grinning from ear to ear, but vulgar in spite of his fine clothes, is being led forward by his relatives to sign the paper. Around him and on the stairway are gathered servants and guests. The lady is not visible. The whole canvas is full of brilliant and strongly contrasted color, yet so skillfully has the artist disposed his tints that we have harmony instead of discord, and the eye rests where the artist intended it should, on the heroic young man who is about "to marry discord in a noble wife." A fine forest scene with figures, by Diaz; a female head, by Jules Goupil; "The Armorer," by Leloir; "The Inn," by Worms; two battle scenes, by Sell; some fruit pieces by J. W. Preyer and his daughter, and "A Difference of Opinion," by David Col, will also attract attention. From P. J. Clays, a Flemish artist, there is a remarkable strong and richly-colored marine piece, "The Coming Storm;" from Florent Willems one of his inimitable *genre* pieces, full of fine sentiment, and from Vibert one of those little gems which he occasionally throws off in the intervals between his more important labors. This represents a priest who has found a lady's slipper in the snow near the door of a stately house, and is musing with knowing looks on the probable connection of the slipper with some other facts in his knowledge. A number of other works by Seignac, Verboeckhoven, Baron, and J. B. Irving will also be found in the gallery.

AMUSEMENTS.

BRIEF MENTION.

"Ferreol" will this evening be brought out at the Brooklyn Theatre.

"The Rivals" and "Tears, Idle Tears" will be acted at Wallack's Theatre, this evening.

"Cheek," which is understood to be a burlesque of "Brass," will be represented at the Eagle Theatre, to-night.

At Wood's Museum, Mr. Walter Benn and Miss Jacqueline Benn will to-night enter upon a week's engagement, "Katy, the Hot-Corn Girl," being the play.

THE WEATHER.

PROBABILITIES.

WASHINGTON, April 3—1 A. M.—*For the lower lakes and Middle States, falling barometer, increasing south-east to south-west winds, slightly warmer, cloudy, and rainy weather.*

For New-England, falling barometer, southerly winds, warmer, hazy, followed by cloudy weather and falling barometer.

For the Western Gulf States, variable, followed by north and west winds, partly cloudy, cooler weather, and rising barometer.

For the Upper Mississippi and Lower Missouri Valleys, rising barometer, stationary or lower temperature, south-west to north-west winds, and partly cloudy weather.

PARISIAN JOTTINGS.

THE RISING OF THE RIVER.

THE METROPOLITAN ENVIRONS UNDER WATER—NEGLECT OF MEASURES OF PREVENTION—A FRENCH RING—A MANAGER'S MISHAPS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Friday, March 17, 1876.

The inundations continue, and owing to an unexpected increase in the volume of water in the Marne, the Seine will not begin to fall to-day, as was anticipated. The water is higher than ever, and is making new ravages every hour. In various parts of France the inundations are also assuming alarming proportions. Since the beginning of February we have had an almost incessant fall of rain, and the hills at the sources of the great rivers and their tributary streams are completely saturated with water. The whole country about Paris is inundated, and the plains are nothing but vast lakes. It seems that a very simple means existed for avoiding much of the damage that has been caused. The ditches, or fosses, about the fortifications, for a distance of twenty miles, can be easily flooded by opening an embankment some twenty or thirty yards in width. By this means 125,000 cubic yards of water could have been drawn off at once, and a reservoir created that would have kept the Seine from rising above seven metres, and perhaps above six and a half. The wonder is that this was not attempted at once. I presume that motives of economy prevented the experiment. The ditches of the fortifications are let out to market gardeners, who are beginning to prepare their ground, and this brings in a very handsome annual revenue. If the ditches had been flooded, the contracts must have been annulled. But on the whole the loss caused upon the neighboring plains will prove twice or three times as great, only this loss falls upon individuals and not upon the city. Subscriptions are being formed here for the relief of the sufferers. A great many plans have been presented by engineers for guarding against these periodical inundations, the best of them appearing to be that proposing a system of reservoirs along the great rivers. So far as Paris is concerned, she has one ready made in the fosses of her fortifications, and with one of equal capacity at the junction of the Marne I should think that the city and its suburbs ought to be sufficiently protected. There is room here, according to the official figures, for 120,000 cubic metres of water, (about 125,000 cubic English yards,) which can be let off gradually as the volume in the river diminishes. From the Pont de la Rapée to that of Grenelle we have 13,685 metres of the Seine in length, with a mean breadth of 135 metres. As the ditches are ten metres in depth, their capacity would be very nearly equal to the present overflow—fully equal to the overflows of previous years.

A FRENCH "RING."

That our country does not enjoy a monopoly of frauds and official corruption is shown from time to time by cases that come before the courts of Europe. An immense ring has just been discovered here in Paris. As every one who has resided in this country is aware, everything required for consumption has to pay an octroi duty, or right of entry into the city. Nearly everything brought in goes first to Les Halles, or the Central Markets, and a distribution among the other markets is made from these. The octroi duties are imposed at the Custom-houses at the different gates of Paris. Then there is an army of inspectors whose duty it is to note the articles sold in the Halles, in order to make a comparison with the revenues returned by the octroi officers. A ring has just been discovered by which the municipality was defrauded of about half a million francs a year, and this has been going on for some years. In order to accomplish the fraud there had to be collusion between the vendor, the octroi officers, the Director of the Halles, and the inspectors. Fifty-two persons have been arrested up to this time, and will have to face the assizes court. It is calculated that the city has been robbed of over four millions of francs since the war, since the returns of other ports are far from being what they were formerly, though the population has not diminished.

A MANAGER'S MISHAP.

A curious incident has just been recorded here, the hero of it being one of our confrères of the press, M. Hypolite Nazet, late editor of the *Gaulois*. When the new Théâtre Taitbout was organized he was taken as Secretary, owing to his familiarity with the critics and with the official world entitled to share in the distribution of gratuitous tickets, or *billets de faveur*, as they say here. Owing to some difficulties in the management, the direction of the theatre was ultimately confided to M. Nazet. He began under very auspicious circumstances. He had "La Petite Comtesse" offered to him, the music being by Escudier, the words by Ricci, one of the authors of "Crispino e la Comare." Success appeared certain, and our confrère gave up the pen he had so long wielded with honor and devoted himself to his new profession. He engaged some of the best artistes, had the piece mounted in fine style, and when all was ready issued his tickets for the *première représentation*. At night he appeared in all his glory, in swallow-tail and white cravat, prepared to receive his colleagues, with whom he is a general favorite. But not a journalist appeared. None of the critics came, but in their places he saw a lot of persons who did not look like the people ordinarily convoked to these recherché first representations. Nazet was greatly chagrined, and thought for the moment that his confrères had played him a trick, by sending their servants in their places, as one of the American Ministers was reported to have done a few years ago, when the Minister of Beaux-Arts sent him a box. On inquiry the next day, Nazet found that not one of the tickets had reached the person to whom it was directed. The mystery was cleared up the other day in the Police Court. The tickets were sent out by the usual messenger of the theatre. It happened to be election day, and he was an elector. There would seem to be nothing equal to voting for making men thirsty, and when the messenger had bravely performed his civic duties he retired to the nearest wine-shop with his *coreligionnaires* in politics to drink the success of his candidate. One glass demands another, and then another, and in the end the messenger got into such fine humour that he distributed all the press tickets among his friends of the wine-shop. Such a lot as appeared in the first boxes on the opening night was never seen before. In court Nazet stated that this escapade had cost him over twenty thousand francs, for there is nothing like the first tam-tam of the critics to make the success of a piece; no after talk can repair the loss of that. The messenger was very humble and confessed his fault. Or rather, he confessed to the fact, but stated that it was not his fault, but the fault of the wine he had taken so copiously. The Judge said that there might be differences of opinion upon this point, but he could have the benefit of any doubts. So far as the wine was concerned, however, the court would show itself severe, and condemn it to confinement with hard labor for two months. As the container could not be easily separated from the contained, the festive messenger had to go to prison as an accomplice. Poor Nazet will never get over the chagrin caused by this incident at the very beginning of his career as a director. Nevertheless his piece has succeeded very well, and visitors to Paris can pass a very agreeable evening with M. Nazet and his "Petite Comtesse."

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Indianapolis *Sentinel* says Mr. Landers is a good Democrat.

The charter elections in Cincinnati and other Ohio cities are to be held to-day.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* does not care which party whips in Connecticut to-day.

Hon. John Wentworth has been nominated for Alderman by a Republican Ward Club in Chicago. Gov. Hardin, of Missouri, says he would not accept a re-nomination if tendered him by the convention.

The Steubenville *Gazette* insists that Ohio cannot be carried for the Democrats upon a bullion platform.

Somebody down in Maine writes to a Boston paper to advise the nomination of Hannibal Hamlin for President.

Col. John S. Mosby denies that President Grant has recently expressed himself to him against a third term, as stated in some of the newspapers.

Several Republican County conventions in North Carolina have indorsed the administration of Gov. Brogden, and recommended him for renomination.

A San Francisco paper of recent date prints the speech made by ex-Gov. Seymour at a mass-meeting of working men in Utica, Nov. 3, 1870. This may be without significance.

The Democratic City Convention in Providence, R. I., rejected, by a vote of ten to fifteen, a resolution indorsing the Democratic State ticket, and commending it to the support of the people.

The political conventions of the week are the Colored Men's National Convention in Nashville, Tenn., the Ohio inflation convention in Columbus, and the Utah Democratic territorial convention in Salt Lake City.

The Legislature of Mississippi invited Gen. Roger A. Pryor to deliver a public address, but he declined, pleading that he was suffering with an affection of the throat which made it impossible for him to attempt a public speech.

The Meadville (Penn.) *Journal* calls attention to the fact that the Democrats of Pennsylvania have selected as the Chairman of their State Committee an ex-Congressman who was a salary-grabber to the extent of pocketing the money, after declaring by his vote against the bill that he had no right to it.

The Indianapolis *Sentinel* professes to be not alarmed at the prospect of Mr. Landers being made the regular Democratic candidate for Governor of Indiana, and it says that because his views on one of the questions of the day meet the approval of many voters outside of the Democratic Party, is no good reason why his party friends should distrust him.

The Fulton (Oswego County) *Patriot and Gazette* is very happy over the result of the town election there. It says that it was the most complete Republican triumph which it has been its privilege to chronicle for years, and adds: "We are getting ready for November, and the result of our local elections may justly be taken as an indication of the direction in which popular feeling is setting in this locality."

One Charles Rhodes prints a card in the Cincinnati *Enquirer* to this effect: "I wish to say through your columns that the remarks made by one little Peter Hitchcock, member of the House of Representatives from Geauga County, some two weeks ago, were ungentlemanly, untruthful in every particular, and, as to the charges of drunkenness and incompetency made by him on the floor of the House against me, I brand him as a willful liar."

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* appears in enlarged form, and thus refers to the fact: "The *Enquirer* is an unfaltering advocate of the doctrine that the volume of currency should at all times be equal to the wants of trade. Applying the same rule to journalism, the *Enquirer* believes that a newspaper should be adapted in size to the demands legitimately made upon its columns. For some months we have been unable to give as much reading matter as we deemed advisable, and we therefore present the *Enquirer* this morning in an enlarged form. We shall continue to issue it in this shape until such time as the news pressure is removed."

Gen. George F. McGinnis reiterates his charges against Gov. Hendricks. In a letter to the Cincinnati *Gazette* he says of him: "As one of the Directors of the Water-Works Company in 1870, he voted himself and several others $35,000 each of paid up stock, for which he never paid a cent. He permitted his name to be used for years in bolstering up an empty corporation. He gave his hearty co-operation to the work of enriching himself and the other stockholders (not one of whom had paid a cent, and he knew it,) out of the public. He was privy to my being induced, through fraudulent misrepresentations, to purchase $8,000 of this stock at fifty cents on the dollar."

ELECTIONS THIS WEEK.

CANDIDATES AND PREVIOUS VOTES IN CONNECTICUT AND RHODE ISLAND.

Connecticut and Rhode Island hold their State elections this week—Connecticut to-day, Rhode Island Wednesday. In Connecticut there are four complete tickets for State officers in the field, as follows:

REPUBLICAN.

Governor	Henry C. Robinson.
Lieutenant Governor	Frederick J. Kingsbury.
Secretary of State	Francis A. Walker.
Treasurer	Jeremiah Olney.
Controller	Eli Curtis.

DEMOCRATIC.

Governor	Charles R. Ingersoll.
Lieutenant Governor	George G. Sill.
Secretary of State	Marvin H. Sanger.
Treasurer	William E. Raymond.
Controller	Alfred R. Goodrich.

INFLATION.

Governor	Charles Atwater.
Lieutenant Governor	Francis Gillette.
Secretary of State	Lucien V. Pinney.
Treasurer	Loren F. Judd.
Controller	John A. Peck.

PROHIBITION.

Governor	Henry D. Smith.
Lieutenant Governor	Jesse G. Baldwin.
Secretary of State	Ruel P. Cowles.
Treasurer	John A. Rockwell.
Controller	Dabney Carr.

In the Third District there is to be an election of Congressman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Henry H. Starkweather, Republican, who was elected in 1875, receiving exactly 9,000 votes to 8,054 cast for Lafayette S. Foster, Democrat, and 559 for Elisha H. Palmer, Prohibitionist. This year there are three candidates for the vacancy—John T. Wait, Republican; David A. Wells, Democrat, and E. H. Palmer, Prohibitionist. Followinff is a table showing the vote of Connecticut for Governor for several years past:

	Rep.	Dem.	Pluarity.	Temp.	Labor Reform.
1871	47473	47370	103	....	....
1872	46553	44562	2001	1549	399
1873	39245	45059	5814	2451	....
1874	39973	46755	6782	4960	....
1875	34272	53752	9480	2932	....

The next Legislature of Connecticut will choose a United States Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Ferry, which is temporarily filled by Mr. English under appointment by the Governor. The last Legislature was composed as follows:

Republicans	6	106	112
Democrats	15	139	154
Democratic majority	9	33	42

In Rhode Island there are three tickets for State officers, as follows:

REPUBLICAN.

Governor	Henry Lippitt.
Lieutenant Governor	Henry T. Sisson.
Secretary of State	Joshua M. Addeman.
Attorney General	Willard Sayles.
General Treasurer	Samuel Clark.

DEMOCRATIC.

Governor	William B. Beach.
Lieutenant Governor	Ziba O. Slocum.
Secretary of State	John B. Pierce.
Attorney General	Oscar Lapham.
General Treasurer	William P. Congdon.

PROHIBITION.

Governor	Albert C. Howard.
Lieutenant Governor	Alfred B. Chadsey.
Secretary of State	Joshua M. Addeman.
Attorney General	Warren R. Perce.
General Treasurer	Alonzo D. Vose.

The vote of Rhode Island of late years has commonly been largely Republican, except where peculiar personal relations have defeated the regular Republican candidates. The vote of late years has been:

Office.	Rep.	Dem.	Ind.
1875..Governor	8368	5146	8724
1874..Governor	12135	1589	....
1873..Governor	9656	3786	....

Last year the choice of Governor was thrown into the Legislature, where the regular Republican candidate was chosen.

LATEST NEWS BY CABLE.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE ROYAL TITLES BILL—TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT REPORTED AS DECEASED—ARRIVAL OF AN AFRICAN EXPLORER.

LONDON, April 2.—The *Observer* to-day says it is reported in political circles that the Government intend to announce to-morrow the abandonment of the title of Empress, but will persevere with the Royal Titles bill. "Whips" have been issued urging the Liberal peers to be in their seats on Monday to support the Earl of Shaftesbury's motion for an address to the Queen praying her not to assume the title of Empress.

William Nicholson Hodgson, member of Parliament for East Cumberland, and Hon. Frederick Walpole, member of Parliament for North Norfolk, are dead.

Lieut. Cameron, the African explorer, arrived at Liverpool to-day in the steamer Congo. A large crowd was at the steamer dock to receive him, and he was warmly cheered on landing. He is in excellent health.

RUSSIA.

MOVEMENTS OF CZAR ALEXANDER—ROYAL VISITORS EXPECTED—ANOTHER STOTY.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 2.—The programme of the Czar's journey is officially announced. His Majesty goes to Ems at the end of April, sojourning at Berlin a few days on the way. From Ems he goes to Jugenheim, and afterward returns to Russia for the military manœuvres. During the Summer he will go to Helsingfors, and next to Warsaw. After reviewing the troops in various places he will accompany the Empress to Livadia, whence he will return to St. Petersburg late in the Autumn.

The Emperor of Brazil and the King of Denmark will visit the Imperial family during the Summer.

LONDON, April 3.—The Russian Telegraphic Agency declares that all reports of the ill-health of the Czar, his journey to Malta, &c., are wholly unfounded.

FRANCE.

ARBITRARY POWER OF PREFECTS CANCELED WITH REFERENCE TO NEWSPAPER AGENTS.

LONDON, April 3.—The Paris dispatch to the *Times* reports that the Government has sent a circular to the Prefects canceling the instructions issued by the late Minister Buffet, which granted the arbitrary power of withdrawing licenses from newspaper agents if they sold papers not approved of by the authorities.

TURKEY.

FAILURE OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS—THE NEXT ACTION OF THE POWERS.

LONDON, April 3.—The *Daily Telegraph's* Berlin dispatch says the negotiations for the pacification of Herzegovina are now regarded as having fallen through. The powers seriously contemplate armed intervention. If this should prove unavoidable they will give notice of their intention to maintain the peace of Europe.

PAYMENT OF RAILWAY BONDS AND LOAN COUPONS POSTPONED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 2.—The postponement until July of the payment of the April coupons of the loans of 1869 and 1873, railway bonds, is officially announced. The reason given for the postponement is that the Government does not wish to have recourse to onerous loans.

GERMANY.

PROBABLE RESIGNATION OF GEN. VON MOLTKE AS CHIEF OF STAFF OF THE ARMY.

LONDON, April 3.—The *Daily Telegraph's* special from Berlin intimates that Gen. Von Moltke will probably resign his office as Chief of Staff of the Army at the conclusion of his furlough, and be succeeded by Gen. Wartensleben.

THE HEIR PRESUMPTIVE TO THE DUCHY OF SAXE-COBURG AND GOTHA.

BERLIN, April 2.—The *Vossische Zeitung* publishes a rumor that the forthcoming interview between Queen Victoria and the Emperor William is for the purpose of concluding a treaty for the cession to the German Empire of the right of the Duke of Edinburgh as heir presumptive to the Duchy of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha.

THE CENTENNIAL.

A CARGO OF PORTUGUESE CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE WAY.

LONDON, April 3.—A telegram to the *Daily News* from Lisbon announces that the steam-transport India has sailed from the Tagus with a cargo of exhibits for the Philadelphia Exhibition. The steamer is to touch at the Azores for additional contributions.

CUBA.

A BLOW AND A FATAL SHOT IN A COURT-ROOM.

HAVANA, April 2.—In one of the courts yesterday, after an angry controversy over a claim, the Marquis of Argudin, as he was leaving the court-room, struck Señor Sanchez Iswagua. The latter pulled out a revolver and shot the Marquis, who died this morning. The parties are wealthy and well known.

FOREIGN NOTES.

A resident of Manchester, who prefers to remain anonymous, has given $500,000 for the purpose of an art gallery in that city.

At a recent school examination at Bonn the question was asked: "Who is to blame for the division of the Jewish Empire after the death of Solomon?" And a girl promptly answered: "Bismarck."

Two large drapery firms in London have private chaplains to whom they pay a salary each of $2,500 for attending every morning to offer prayer and give addresses to the young men and women in their employ.

The united capital of the companies that supply London with water amounts to $64,808,870. In December, 1875, they supplied a population of 3,725,893, living in 521,521 homes, with 111,421,397 gallons per day.

Some English ladies at Nice have started a club to bear the name of the "Club du Chapeau de Seigle," the chief object being to organize long morning walks in the neighborhood and mountain districts of the town.

The British Admiral on the Pacific station has received from the Government of Guatemala $25,000, being part of the $60,000 indemnity given to the British Government for the outrage on Mr. Magee, her Majesty's Consul, some time ago.

A schoolmaster named Starbridge has lately been sentenced, at Devonshire Assizes, England, to penal servitude for five years for having inflicted severe corporal punishment on a boy, eleven years of age, who had been intrusted to his care.

An institution in Rome, called the Vatican or Pontifical University, has been closed by the Italian Government on the ground of its illegality. It is said that many young men had been enrolled at this establishment, to qualify for what were virtually spurious degrees.

It is reported that Don Carlos intends to take up his residence at Twickenham, near London, and that he has purchased from the Duc d'Aumale Orleans House, formerly the residence of King Louis Philippe, together with the surplus furniture and effects left by the Duke.

The Prussian Government is stated to be endeavoring, to the best of its power, to hinder the promulgation of sentences of excommunication by Roman Catholic Bishops, and to prevent their proclamation. The Police have orders to seize all newspapers containing such sentences.

The experiment has been tried in London of establishing penny banks in connection with the public schools, and with eminent success. In a few months 5,266 children had deposited no less than £1,124. A similar experiment has been tried, with like success, at Norwich and Carmarthen.

A Dundee correspondent tells the following: While a farmer's daughter was attending sheep at Glenquaich, in the Perthshire Highlands, she found on a rocky shelf a vase, nearly concealed by moss and fern, containing several hundred coins, some silver, but chiefly copper. On many coins the date 1670 was distinctly visible, and the inscriptions Charles I. and William and Mary were clearly traceable. They were in fine preservation, and have lain in their place of concealment nearly two hundred years. The vase was of earthenware. The bowl had crumbled to pieces, but the neck remained intact.

NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT—A TEST SUIT AGAINST DELAWARE—THE NEW ASYLUMS APPROPRIATIONS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TRENTON, Sunday, April 2, 1876.

The suit ordered by the Legislature to be commenced in the United States Supreme Court against the State of Delaware to test the rights of the two States to fish in the Delaware River will be at once instituted by the Attorney General. The suit grows out of a difficulty experienced by some Salem County fishermen some years ago. They were taking fish from the river when an armed tug, sent by the Delaware authorities, seized them and carried them to Wilmington, where they were fined. The controversy that ensued led to the appointment of Commissioners by both States to settle the matters in dispute. The commission finally disbanded without reaching any conclusion. The matter having been brought to the notice of the present Legislature anew this year by Senator Plummer, Gov. Bedle was directed to act in the premises. He visited Philadelphia a few days ago, and there met Gov. Cochrane, who told him that he was powerless to act. It was then arranged that the suit should be brought, Gov. Cochrane agreeing to concede all that this State demands till a decision shall have been reached.

It is stated that Gov. Bedle will refuse to approve of the bill appropriating $340,000 for the erection of two new State Asylums, on the ground that the State Treasury cannot at present stand the outlay. Very many liberal appropriations have been already made. The bill provides for the expenditure, however, this year of but part of the total amount of the appropriation. But $32,000 is given this year toward the erection of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at New-Brunswick, and but $18,000 toward that for the blind and feeble minded, in Bordentown, with $10,000 for the fitting up of the Soldiers' Children's Home, just abandoned, for the accommodation of the blind. The houses are still undecided on the question whether the Constitution requires the passage of a general law for cities. Gov. Bedle holds very distinctly that supplements to city charters are entirely constitutional. The Senate, in order to escape all constitutional objections, have decided to pass a general law. Such a law, drawn by Senator Abbett, is still in process of perfection in the Joint Conference Committee. The House of Assembly, on the other side, has decided to pass the supplements, leaving the responsibility of defeating them with the Senate. The Senate has not yet acted on the concurrent resolution from the House calling for final adjournment on the 14th inst. A disposition is manifest among some of the Senators to adjourn on the coming Friday. On the other hand, it is urged that the business of the session is not in such a state as will warrant an adjournment ev n on the 14th. It is not likely, however, that the session will last beyond Friday of next week.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Admiral Durau, Spanish Minister of the Marine, has resigned, and is succeeded by Señor Antequera.

A dispatch from Rome announces the death of ex-Deputy Lobbia, the attempt to assassinate whom excited the whole of Italy some years ago.

The hoisting apparatus of a grain elevator on the levee in New-Orleans gave way, Saturday, fatally injuring Jules Cameron and Thomas Hayes.

Gov. Kellogg has accepted the resignation of B. T. Beauregard, the colored tax collector of Baton Rouge, and appointed Henry B. Babin to the position.

Warren P. Ballou died in Cumberland, R. I., Saturday, of pneumonia, induced by exposure on Sunday last, when his dam at East Blackstone was carried away.

The body of Redmond J. Owens, who mysteriously disappeared from Woburn, Mass., on the 28th day of January, was found yesterday in Horn Pond. The general belief is that deceased met with foul play.

The Cocheco Print Works of Dover, N. H., which have been running on half time, suspended work Saturday afternoon, and will not resume operations until the market for prints improves. The corporation has on hand a large amount of goods, which cannot be sold except at a serious loss. Several hundred people are thrown out of employment by the stoppage.

SENATOR EATON'S SPEECH.

United States Senator W. W. Eaton spoke in Hartford, Conn., on Friday night last, and, judging from the report given by the Hartford *Times*, made some sweeping assertions. He is there reported as follows: "He believed but a single department of the General Government (that of State) had been administered honestly. One of the ablest men in Washington says he would like to take a contract to carry on the Treasury Department with 1,500 clerks, instead of 4,000. There are hard-working, honest men in the department, who are entitled to our thanks; the drones are those who bring discredit on the public service. He desired the reporters should say that when they get hold of the Whisky Ring in New-Orleans, and they are after them now, the Clintons, Auburns, Sing Sings, Albany, New-York, and Brooklyn, and county jails, including the salary of the General Agent in this City, amounted to $4,450 20. The report states that out of 1,490 persons who applied for relief in some form during the year, not one was turned away empty-handed, but all were aided in some manner. Seven hundred and sixteen were either aided to employment or obtained it through their own exertions or the efforts of their friends. Of the above number, 111 were sent to situations out of the City, it being the policy of the association to send as many as possible, immediately upon their release, to friends far remote from the temptations and dangers of their former surroundings. Six hundred and twelve destitute and homeless convicts were provided with temporary lodging and board until a situation was secured for them, or until they had obtained one through their own exertions. Four hundred and ninety-three were enabled to reach their home or friends at a distance, or some one who had promised to provide for them until such time as they were able to maintain themselves. Four hundred and seventy-six discharged convicts were supplied with clothing suitable to the season and the occupations at which they were about to engage, many being supplied with an entire new outfit, including underclothing, shoes, &c. One hundred and forty-two were furnished with tools sufficient to enter into a situation at the trade of which they had a knowledge, and at which situations had already been promised or secured. Sixty-one prisoners' families were relieved in various ways, and enabled to retain their homes until other provision had been made for their maintenance and support.

A TIMES reporter called on Col. Alvanus W. Sheldon, the general agent of the association, at his office, No. 83 Nassau street, and was informed by that gentleman that the swindler Maxwell, alias Matsell, had never requested any aid from the association. The convict who made the statement to the reporter might have called, and if he had been refused tools he had been refused for good reasons. Col. Sheldon said that every day efforts were made to impose on his charity by convicts utterly unworthy of any relief, and that the funds of the association were not sufficiently large to afford indiscriminate aid to every discharged prisoner who might claim relief.

ONE DOLLAR EXPENDED NOW in purchasing a bottle of JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT, by those troubled with a slight cough, or hoarseness, or sore throat, may save the expense of a doctor's bill. A neglected cough often ends in consumption. A slight inflammation of the lining of the wind-tubes, the usual symptoms of which are sore throat and a pain in the breast, frequently leads to bronchitis. A day's delay may entail months of suffering. Better try at once Jayne's Expectorant, a standard remedy, whose curative properties have been tested by thousands.—*Advertisement.*

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Solid Silver Forks, Spoons, Tea Sets, and fancy pieces retailed by the manufacturer at wholesale prices. FORD, 847 Broadway, bet. 13th and 14th sts.

The offensive breath which is produced by unhealthy secretions of the mucous membrane of the alimentary canal is purified by MILK OF MAGNESIA.

Holmes' Burglar Alarm Telegraph, No. 571 Broadway, notifies you upon the approach of danger at any door or window.

MARRIED.

MILES—DOW.—On Saturday, April 1, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Mr. Burrell, THOMAS C. MILES, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to MARY A., youngest daughter of Henry Dow, of Chelsea, Mass. No cards.

DIED.

ALLISON.—At Brooklyn, E. D., suddenly, on Sunday, April 2, 1876, JESSIE SINCLAIR, youngest daughter of James and Jane K. Allison, in the eighth year of her age.

Funeral on Wednesday, April 5, at 2 o'clock, from No. 244 Graham av.

BOWNE.—At Syracuse, March 31, in the 15th year of her age, LILLIE, daughter of Frederic and Adelaide Bowne, of Flushing, Long Island.

Funeral services Monday, April 3, at 1:30 P. M., from St. George's Church, Flushing, Long Island. Train leaves Hunter's Point at 1 P. M.

BUCK.—On Thursday, March 30, at Benicia, Cal., Rev. LLOYD BUCK, D. D., son of the late George Buck, of Bristol, Penn.

☞ Philadelphia papers please copy.

CANEY.—On Saturday, April 1, MARY P., wife of William Caney.

Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at her late residence, No. 347 5th av., on Monday, 11 o'clock.

CHAPMAN.—Suddenly, at Ridgewood, N. J., March 31, ROSETTA A., wife of Charles E. Chapman, aged 46 years.

Funeral services on Monday, April 3, at 2 o'clock P. M. Train leaves foot of Chambers st., via Erie Railway at 10:45 A. M., returning at 6 o'clock P. M.

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CHAPMAN.—In Newburg, March 31, LYDIA W., wife of Joseph H. H. Chapman, aged 49 years, 6 months, and

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A PROTESTANT SERVANTS' BUREAU—For families, hotels, and all others wanting reliable, competent, civil servants, for City or country. No. 138 6th av.

CHARWOMAN.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN to go out by the day to wash, iron, and do house-cleaning; good reference. Call at No. 1,075 1st av., between 58th and 59th sts.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A tidy competent young girl, who understands her duties in every respect: is neat and respectful and a good waitress; understands the care and cleaning of silver, glassware, &c; will assist with the washing if required: has the best City recommendations. Call at Carpenter's, No. 108 6th av., near 9th st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A respectable young girl, lately landed, would do the chamber-work and waiting in a plain family, where she could make herself generally useful; is willing to learn. Call at No. 235 West 40th st., between Broadway and 8th av.

CHAMBER-MAID AND SEAMSTRESS.—By a young Protestant girl, who has lived seven years in her last place, and has the highest testimonials; is a thorough chamber-maid and good seamstress; would do waiting, if required. Call at No. 602 6th av., between 35th and 36th sts., up stairs.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A Protestant young woman; City or country; is a thoroughly experienced waitress and an excellent chamber-maid, and can furnish undoubted reference. Apply at Odell & Co.'s, No. 109 West 34th st., corner of Broadway.

CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY A COMPETENT Protestant Canadian girl, good reference, for chamber-work and waiting; would take general work in private family; is neat, plain in dress, and wants a steady place; City or country. Call at No. 366 6th av., near 23d st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY AN English Protestant young woman for chamber-work and waiting; is careful and reliable; best City reference; City or country. Call at No. 203 West 27th st., near 7th av., one flight, front.

CHAMBER-MAID OR WAITRESS.—BY A respectable, neat, Swedish girl, as chamber-maid or waitress. Inquire at No. 85 Carmine st., third floor, front.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A young girl as chamber-maid and waitress in a small private family; good reference if required. Call at No. 301 East 34th st., on Monday and Tuesday.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A neat, tidy girl as chamber-maid and waitress; two years' references; City or country. Apply at No. 109 West 41st st.

CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY A YOUNG AMERIcan girl as chamber-maid and to assist with children; willing and obliging; best City reference. Apply at No. 219 East 47th st.

CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—BY A German Protestant young girl; is thoroughly competent and has excellent reference. Apply at Mrs. Lowe's, No. 131 13th st., between 3d and 4th avs.

CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A FIRST-CLASS PROTestant regular chamber-maid with excellent City references; will go to the country. Call at No. 1,233 Broadway, French Office, for three days.

CHAMBER-MAID, &c.—BY A RESPECTABLE Protestant girl as chamber-maid and to assist with washing; good references. Call at 778 Greenwich st.

CHAMBER-MAID OR NURSE.—BY A COLored first-class chamber-maid or nurse; neat plain sewer; last employer will gladly recommend her. Apply at No. 7 West 37th st.

CHAMBER-MAID.—OR TO WAIT ON A LADY; no objection to travel; four years' reference. Call for two days at No. 41 Union square.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN IN A PRIvate family as professional cook; thoroughly understands all kinds of soups, pastries, fish, meats, poultry, game, &c.; takes entire charge of the kitchen where there is a kitchen-maid; will give satisfactory reference from her last place; will be disengaged April 10. Address for one week E. H., Box No. 251 TIMES UPTOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS FAMILY COOK IN AN American family; understands fish, game, poultry, meats, and vegetable cooking; is an excellent bread and biscuit baker; makes excellent pastries, desserts, ices, and sweet dishes; is neat about her kitchen; good reference from last employer. Can be engaged at Jacquin's Bureau, No. 602 6th av., between 39th and 30th sts., first floor.

COOK, &c.—CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITress.—By two girls—one as cook and assist in washing and ironing, the other as chamber-maid and waitress; would do the work of a private family; no objection to the country for the Summer months; seven years' City reference for cook, and six years' for chamber-maid and waitress. Call at No. 502 2d av.

COOK.—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTANT YOUNG woman; very respectable and well recommended as first-class cook; understands French, English, and other cooking, boning and larding; can get up fancy dishes in good order; sober, honest, and obliging; country or City. Call at Bookham's, No. 307 4th av., near 23d st.

COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A Protestant young woman as cook and laundress in a private family; in City or country; makes good bread and biscuit, soups, roasts, desserts, &c.; and is an excellent washer and ironer; can furnish undoubted reference. Apply at Odell & Co.'s, No. 109 West 34th st., corner of Broadway; inquire for L.

COOK.—BY A PROTESTANT WOMAN AS FIRSTclass family cook; makes all kinds of nice soups, roasts, desserts, jellies, pastry, &c.; is an excellent bread and biscuit baker; understands the care of milk and butter; and can furnish reference that will bear the strictest investigation. Apply for P., at Odell & Co.'s Agency, No. 109 West 34th st., corner Broadway.

COOK—CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITRESS.—By two respectable young women, one as plain cook, other as chamber-maid and waitress; will do the washing between them; willing and obliging; good reference; no objection to the country. Call at No. 224 East 35th st., in the store.

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COOK, WASHER, AND IRONER.—BY A Protestant woman; very respectable and well recommended; very good cook, washer, and ironer; good bread and biscuit baker; understands the care of milk and butter; sober, honest, and obliging; country or City. Call at Bookham's, 307 4th av., near 23d st.

COOK.—BY A COMPETENT, RELIABLE PROTestant woman, who understands her business thoroughly; cooks meats, fish, game, poultry, &c., in superior style; is also an excellent baker and pastry cook; is strictly honest; can be highly recommended for capability and character. Call at Carpenter's, 108 6th av., near 9th st.

COOK.—BY A PROTESTANT GIRL; THOROUGHLY understands her business; can take full charge of a kitchen; understands cooking in all its branches; would assist with washing in a small family; best City reference. Call at No. 247 West 31st st., basement.

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CHAMBER-MAID.—BY A FIRST-CLASS PROTestant regular chamber-maid with excellent City references; will go to the country. Call at No. 1,233 Broadway, French Office, for three days.

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COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN IN A PRIvate family as professional cook; thoroughly understands all kinds of soups, pastries, fish, meats, poultry, game, &c.; takes entire charge of the kitchen where there is a kitchen-maid; will give satisfactory reference from her last place; will be disengaged April 10. Address for one week E. H., Box No. 251 TIMES UPTOWN OFFICE, NO. 1,257 BROADWAY.

COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS FAMILY COOK IN AN American family; understands fish, game, poultry, meats, and vegetable cooking; is an excellent bread and biscuit baker; makes excellent pastries, desserts, ices, and sweet dishes; is neat about her kitchen; good reference from last employer. Can be engaged at Jacquin's Bureau, No. 602 6th av., between 39th and 30th sts., first floor.

COOK, &c.—CHAMBER-MAID AND WAITress.—By two girls—one as cook and assist in washing and ironing, the other as chamber-maid and waitress; would do the work of a private family; no objection to the country for the Summer months; seven years' City reference for cook, and six years' for chamber-maid and waitress. Call at No. 502 2d av.

COOK.—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTANT YOUNG woman; very respectable and well recommended as first-class cook; understands French, English, and other cooking, boning and larding; can get up fancy dishes in good order; sober, honest, and obliging; country or City. Call at Bookham's, No. 307 4th av., near 23d st.

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COOK.—BY A FIRST-CLASS NORTH GERMAN cook; one that thoroughly understands her business, and understands German, English, and French cooking; has best City reference. Call at No. 247 3d av., corner 20th st., over the bakery.

COOK.—BY A RESPECTABLE YOUNG WOMAN AS first-class cook in a private family; understands French, English, and American cooking in all its branches; has excellent City reference. Apply at Bedell's, No. 340 4th av.

COOK.—BY A SWEDISH PROTESTANT WOMAN, as thorough family cook; understands all kinds meats, soups, game, desserts, &c.; is a good baker; has best City reference. Apply at A. Pelton's, No. 645 5th av., near 38th st.

COOK.—BY AN ENGLISH PROTESTANT WOMAN as first-class cook; thoroughly understands her business; City or country; good references; place preferred where a kitchen-maid is kept. Apply at Norton's, No. 3 Broadway.

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On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing meridian of 50 at 43 latitude, or nothing to the north of 43.

On the homeward passage, crossing the meridian of 42 at 42, or nothing to the north of 42.

FROM NEW-YORK FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.

ALGERIA....WED., April 5 | BOTHNIA...WED., April 19
CHINA.....WED., April 12 | ABYSSINIA...Wed., April 26

Steerage marked " do not carry steerage passengers. Cabin passage, $80, $100, and $130, gold, according to accommodation. Return tickets on favorable terms. Steerage tickets to and from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage office, No. 4 Bowling green. CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

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FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE,
SAILING FROM PIER NO. 29 NORTH RIVER,
WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS at 3 P. M.,
FOR CHARLESTON, S. C., FLORIDA, THE SOUTH, AND SOUTH-WEST.

CRESCENT.....SATURDAY.....APRIL 1
GULF STREAM.....WEDNESDAY.....APRIL 5

SUPERIOR PASSENGER ACCOMMODATIONS.

Insurance to destination one-half of one per cent. Goods discharged free of commission. Passenger tickets and bills of lading issued and signed at the office of

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THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMERS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, Calling at PLYMOUTH (G. B.) for the landing of Passengers.

The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent (being more southerly than any other,) will sail from Pier No. 43 North River, as follows:

LABRADOR, Sanzlier.....Tuesday, April 4, at 2 P. M.
AMERIQUE, Pouzos.....Tuesday, April 18, at 1 P. M.
ST. LAURENT, Lachesnez..Tuesday, April 25, at 4 P. M.

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine,) first cabin, $110 to $120, according to accommodation. Second cabin, $72; third cabin, $40. Return tickets at reduced rates. Steerage, $26, with superior accommodation, including wine, bedding, and utensils without extra charge. Steamers marked thus " do not carry steerage passengers.

LOUIS DE BEBIAN, Agent, 55 Broadway.

FOR LIVERPOOL,

(Via Queenstown,)

CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAIL.

TUESDAY.

Leaving Pier No. 46 North River as follows:

WYOMING.....April 4, at 2 P. M.
IDAHO.....April 18, at 1 P. M.
NEVADA.....April 25, at 3 P. M.
WISCONSIN.....May 2, at 1 P. M.

RATES FOR PASSENGERS REDUCED.

Steerage, $26; intermediate, $40; cabin, $65 to $80, according to stateroom. Steerage office, No. 29 Broadway. General offices, No. 63 Wall st.

WILLIAMS & GUION.

WHITE STAR LINE.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL, CARRYING UNITED STATES MAIL.

The steamers of this line take the Lane Routes recommended by Lieut. Maury, U. S. N., going south of the Banks on the passage to Queenstown all the year round.

REPUBLIC.....SATURDAY, April 8, at 3 P. M.
GERMANIC.....SATURDAY, April 15, at 10 A. M.
CELTIC.....SATURDAY, April 22, at 3 P. M.
ADRIATIC.....SATURDAY, April 29, at 9:30 A. M.

From White Star Dock, Pier No. 52 North River.

These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in appointments. The saloon, staterooms, smoking and bath rooms are amidships where the noise and motion are least felt, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.

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R. J. CORTIS, Agent.

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NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

These first-class full-powered steamers will sail from Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal st.

STATE OF INDIANA.....Thursday, April 6
STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.....Thursday, April 20
STATE OF VIRGINIA.....Thursday, May 4

And every alternate Thursday thereafter. First cabin, $60, $70, and $80; return tickets, $120. Second cabin, $40; return tickets, $80. Steerage at lowest rates.

Apply to AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Agents.
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SPECIAL NOTICE.
THE STATE LINE STEAMER
STATE OF INDIANA

WILL SAIL FROM THE COMPANY'S PIER, FOOT OF CANAL ST., NORTH RIVER, AT NOON ON THURSDAY, THE 6TH INST.

Passengers booked to Belfast, Liverpool, London, and Paris at low rates. Apply to

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N. B.—The STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA will sail April 20.

NATIONAL LINE. Piers Nos. 44 and 47 N. River.

FOR LONDON DIRECT.

CANADA.....Thursday, April 13, at 8:30 A. M.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

The Queen...April 8, 3 P. M. | England...April 22, 3 P. M.
Helvetia..April 15, 9:30 A. M. | Italy...April 29, 9:30 A. M.

Cabin passage, $60 and $70, currency. Return tickets at reduced rates. Steerage passage, $26, currency. Drafts issued from £1 upward at current rates.

Company's offices, No. 69 Broadway.

F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

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STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.

Company's Pier, foot of 2d st., Hoboken.

SECKER.....Sat., April 8 | MAIN.....Sat., April 22
ODER.....Sat., April 15 | WESER.....Sat., April 29

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN:

First cabin.....$100 gold
Second cabin.....60 gold
Steerage.....30 currency

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INMAN LINE—MAIL STEAMERS.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, April 8, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF RICHMOND.....Thursday, April 13, at 8 A. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, April 22, at 3 P. M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, April 29, at 10 A. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, May 6, at 2 P. M.

from Pier No. 45 North River.

CABIN PASSAGE.....$60, $80 and $100, Gold
STEERAGE.....$28, currency

Drafts issued at low rates.

JOHN G. DALE, Agent, Nos. 15 and 33 Broadway, N. Y.

ANCHOR LINE. CARRYING U. S. MAIL.

NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

ASSYRIA.....SATURDAY, April 8, at 3 P. M.
VICTORIA.....SATURDAY, April 15, at 10 A. M.

NEW-YORK TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, OR LONDONDERRY.

Cabin passage, $65, $75, and $80, currency.
Intermediate, $35; Steerage, $28.
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HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents.

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FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,
THE FLORIDA PORTS,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST.

GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE, CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA AND ATLANTIC AND GULF RAILROAD.

THREE STEAM-SHIPS PER WEEK,
TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SATURDAYS.

H. LIVINGSTON, Capt. MALLORY, TUESDAY, April 4, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WILLIAM R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

MAGNOLIA, Capt. DAGGETT, THURSDAY, April 6, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 62 South st.

SAN JACINTO, Capt. HAZARD, SATURDAY, April 8, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
WILLIAM R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling green.

GENERAL BARNES, Capt. CHEESMAN, TUESDAY, April 11, from Pier No. 43 North River, at 3 P. M.
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PANAMA TRANSIT
STEAM-SHIP CO.

FOR CALIFORNIA AND PACIFIC PORTS, VIA ISTHMUS OF PANAMA.

Steam ship CRESCENT CITY will sail THURSDAY, April 20, at 1 P. M., from Pier No. 13, North river, for Aspinwall, connecting, via Panama Railroad, at Panama with first-class steam-ships for ports as above.

For freight or passage apply to

WM. P. CLYDE & CO.,
NO. 6 BOWLING GREEN.

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FOR CALIFORNIA, JAPAN, CHINA, AUSTRALIA, NEW-ZEALAND, BRITISH COLUMBIA, &c.
Sailing from Pier foot of Canal st., North River.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO, VIA ISTHMUS OF PANAMA.

S. S. ACAPULCO.....SATURDAY, April 15, 12 noon

Connecting for all CENTRAL AMERICAN and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO JAPAN AND CHINA.

GREAT REPUBLIC.....May 1.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO VICTORIA, PORT TOWNSEND, TACOMA, PORTLAND, &c., &c.
On the 10th and 25th of every month.

For freight or passage apply at foot of Canal st., North River. H. J. BULLAY, Superintendent.

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DIRECT MAIL LINE.

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WILMINGTON.....TUESDAY, March 28
COLUMBUS.....THURSDAY, April 6

Accommodations unsurpassed. For freight or passage apply to WM. P. CLYDE & CO., No. 6 Bowling green. MCKELLAR, LILLIE & CO., Agents in Havana.

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BI-MONTHLY SERVICE TO JAMAICA, HAYTI, COLOMBIA, and ASPINWALL, and to PANAMA and SOUTH PACIFIC PORTS (via Aspinwall.) First-class, full-powered iron-screw steamers, from Pier No. 51, North River:

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ETNA.....April 26.

FOR KINGSTON AND SOUTH HAYTI:
ATLAS.....April 20.
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CITY OF MERIDA.....Tuesday, April 11
CITY OF VERA CRUZ.....Thursday April 13

FOR VERA CRUZ AND NEW-ORLEANS. Calling at HAVANA, PROGRESO, CAMPEACHY, TUSPAN, and TAMPICO

CITY OF MERIDA.....Tuesday, April 11
CITY OF MEXICO.....Tuesday, May 2

For freight or passage apply to F. ALEXANDRE & SONS, Nos. 31 and 33 Broadway.

Steamers will leave New-Orleans April 15 and May 7 for Vera Cruz and all the above ports.

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NOT A TRIP MISSED IN SEVEN YEARS.

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Steam-ships Electra and Galatea leave Pier No. 27 North River, foot of Park place, at 4:30 P. M. Freights via either line taken at lowest rates.

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ALBANY.—PEOPLE'S LINE STEAM-BOATS LEAVE Pier No. 41 North River daily (Sundays excepted) at 6 P. M. for Albany and all points North and West.

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Commencing Dec. 1, 1875.—Leave New-York as follows:

5:30 A. M.—NEWS TRAIN for Easton, Belvidere, Bethlehem, Bath, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Tamanend, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, &c.

7:45 A. M.—Way Train for Flemington and Easton, connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

9:00 A. M.—MORNING EXPRESS, Daily, (except Sundays), for Easton, Allentown, Harrisburg, and the West. Connects at Easton for Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Towanda, Wilkesbarre, Pottsville, Scranton, Danville, Williamsport, &c.

10:15 A. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

1P. M. EXPRESS for Flemington, Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton, Wilkesbarre, Reading, Columbia, Lancaster, Ephrata, Pottsville, Harrisburg, &c.

2:45 P. M.—Express for Easton, Belvidere, Bath, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, and Scranton.

4:00 P. M.—Way Train for Easton, Allentown, and Mauch Chunk. Connects at Junction with Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad.

4:30 P. M.—Way Train for Somerville and Flemington.

5:15 P. M.—EVENING EXPRESS, daily, for Easton, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Wilkesbarre, Towanda, Reading, and Harrisburg.

8:30 P. M.—For Easton.

For Elizabeth at 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 7:30, 7:45 8:00, 8:45, 9:00, 9:30, 10:15, 11:15, A. M., 12:00 M. 12:45, 1:00, 2:00, 2:45, 3:00, 3:30, 3:45, 4:00, 4:15, 4:30 4:45, 5:00, 5:15, 5:30, 5:45, 6:00, 6:15, 6:30, 7:00, 7:40 8:30, 9:30, 10:30, 11:15, 12:00 P. M.

For Junction, 5:30, 6:15, 6:35, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 12:00 P. M.

For Somerville, 5:30, 6:00, 7:00, 9:30 P. M.

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9:00 A. M., daily, except Sundays, Cincinnati and Chicago Day Express. Drawing-room coaches to Buffalo and sleeping coaches to Cincinnati and Detroit. Sleeping coaches to Chicago.

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E. M. REED, Vice President, New-York.

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LAST DAYS OF THE REVIVAL.

MR. MOODY'S SUNDAY WORK.

THE LARGEST AUDIENCES YET ASSEMBLED AT THE HIPPODROME ON SUNDAY—A TALK TO YOUNG CONVERTS AND A SERMON ON CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS.

The largest audience that has yet gathered at the Sunday morning services assembled at the Hippodrome yesterday at 8 A. M. The meeting was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Work, for the night is coming," which was followed with prayer by Rev. Dr. Ormiston. Mr. Sankey then sang the new solo, "Go work in My vineyard, there is plenty to do." Mr. Moody read from the fourth chapter of St. John the conversation of Christ at the well with a Samarian woman, and the congregation sang, "'Tis the promise of God full salvation to give." Mr. Moody then announced that on Thursday and Friday next, in order to accommodate those who were not Christians, as well as the laboring classes, tickets would be given for the front seats. He selected his text from the twelfth chapter of St. John, the thirty-seventh verse, "One soweth and another reapeth." I feel, he said, in the mood of speaking to young converts this morning. I feel that I can now say a good many things to them that I could not, if this platform were crowded with ministers. I feel little sympathy with those who are always talking against the church, complaining of its coldness. I don't think that those who never go to church should throw stones at it. A man who loves the church can but love Christ. He died to redeem it. My friends, did you ever stop to think what New-York would be without its churches? I don't say that they are perfect, for I don't know as there is a perfect church on earth. But if it was not for them a man's life wouldn't be safe. Now, about as good a place as any for you young converts is the Sabbath-school. If you can't get a class there, go out on the street, and speak to the little ones kindly, and lead them by love to the way of life. If New-York is to be blessed, it must be in just this way—by personal effort of the Christian workers of the Church. Suppose, now, that all the young converts in the City went to work among the little ones. Suppose they took an interest in them, visited their homes, and taught them of Jesus. In that way they could reach the parents' hearts in the end. You know that the little child will often lead the infidel mother or father to church. When once converted these are all little missionaries, and God blesses their work. After prayer for God's blessing on the last two weeks of the revival work, the benediction was pronounced, and the congregation slowly dispersed.

THE WOMEN'S MEETING.

The crowd of ladies at the Hippodrome in the afternoon was so great that for the first Sunday since the beginning of the revivalists' labors an overflow meeting was held to accommodate them. The service was begun with the singing of "Alas! and did my Saviour bleed," which was followed by prayer and the singing, by Messrs. Sankey and Thatcher, of the duet:

"Oh, to be nothing, nothing,
Only to lie at His feet,
A broken and emptied vessel,
For the Master's use made meet."

Mr. Moody then read selections from the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah and ninth chapter of St. Luke, and Mr. Sankey sang the solo, "Oh, Christ, what burdens bowed Thy head." Mr. Moody then delivered a sermon, in which he drew a vivid and touching picture of Christ's sufferings for the redemption of sinners. You will find my text, he said, in that chapter of Isaiah which I have just read: "Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed." During the war I used to pick up the newspapers and read the account of some great battle, and the descriptions of the killed and wounded, and half an hour afterward forgot all about it. At last I went into the Army: I walked on the battle-fields; I heard the roar and booming of the cannon and saw the wounded and the dying, and I tell you when I'd been on two or three battle-fields I never could read the account of an engagement but the whole scene was pictured in my memory. What Christ suffered mentally no one knows. What I want to speak of to-day is His physical suffering, for we can understand that better. When a great man dies we are always anxious to hear of his last words and actions. If he was a friend we love to think of extolling his virtues and kindness and charity. Now, to-day just let me take you back to Calvary! Let me show you the Saviour's last acts and words! Let me make that picture real. Go back in imagination, through the ages, and walk again the streets of Jerusalem. Suppose it is the last Thursday before the Crucifixion. It is evening. I see great crowds of people are running toward and looking in the direction of a poor, mean-looking mansion in which Christ and His disciples are to celebrate His last feast on earth. I follow them and find the Galilean Prophet in the midst of the people. It is the evening of the Passover, and now I see Him sitting in the guest-chamber, surrounded by His twelve apostles. I can see sorrow on that heavenly brow, and untold agony in that eye. The sins of the whole world are soon to be laid upon that head! The Son of Man is sorrowful! He says unto the twelve: "One of ye that eateth with Me shall betray Me." Then they speak forth in sorrow, "Lord, is it I?" Judas asks Him, too. Judas, the traitor, who was even then planning in his own heart how he might sell his Master. Judas asks Him: "Lord, is it I?" And Jesus says, "That which thou wouldst do, do quickly." To me that is the saddest scene in all those ages. For three years Judas had shared Christ's love, for three years he had watched Him work miracles, for three years he had seen Him blessing the sick and troubled, and now in the night, the darkest in those centuries, he deliberately betrayed that Saviour, whose love he had known. A great many curse Judas for that act. But how many are now selling their Saviour and their hopes of heaven just for a few short fleeting hours of pleasure! I see him now receiving the money! I see the Jews counting it! I hear it fall upon the counter! But let us go back to that quiet chamber. There is Jesus speaking to the eleven that are left: "Let not your hearts be troubled; ye believe in God—believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." Now He goes forth with them over the brook Cedron, and enters the garden. He withdraws from them, and goes to the Mount of Olives, and prays: "Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from me; nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." And as He prays there, we are told that the great drops of blood flow down over that sacred face and stain the ground. Then, as He looks out into the night, He sees a mass of armed men with torches and lanterns seeking among the olive trees. He goes down among them and asks "What seek ye?" and they say "Jesus." He replies, "Here am I." Then Judas comes up to Him and, throwing his arms about His neck, imprints the betraying, hypocritical kiss upon that cheek. Then Jesus rebukes him, saying "Betrayest thou thy Master with a kiss?" I see the men that Judas brought binding Him now. I see them bind those hands that were so often lifted to bless them, those hands that so often restored the dead to life, that gave sight to the blind, that restored strength to the lame and health to the lepers. Yes, they bind those blessed hands and lead the Saviour captive to the priest's house. I hear those Roman soldiers mocking Him. And now they take Him before Pilate. But he wants to shift the responsibility of shedding Jesus' blood, and he sends him to Herod. Herod is glad to see this Galilean, for he thinks that Jesus will work marvels to amuse him. But Herod's soldiery mock Him and dress Him in a mock robe of royalty, and send Him back to Pilate. Then Pilate thinks of a plan for saving Jesus and releasing Him. He brings out Barabbas, the murderer, and says unto the assembled people, "Which of the two shall I release unto you?" They choose the great criminal, whose hands are reeking with the blood of their own kind. Then Pilate sends the Son of Man to be scourged. I see them put upon this Prince of Heaven a robe of purple, and some cruel wretch place a crown of thorns upon His head and a reed in His hand as a mock emblem of royalty. Then the crowd salute Him, "Hail, King of the Jews." One smites Him on the cheek, and another whose contempt is too deep for blows, spits upon Him. They who but a few days before had cried the joyful welcome, "Hosanna! Hosanna! to the Son of David," now demanded His crucifixion. I see Him now bowed beneath the scourge. I can see the hand of the Roman soldier raised in pitiless cruelty, and descend, driving the steel scourge into the bleeding, lacerated back of the Saviour. Yet under agony that the mind can scarcely conceive He is mute and silent. Sinner, will you tell me to-day that you can find nothing in this Saviour to love? Watch Him journeying to His death, and say whether there is anything in that scene which should win you to Him. I see Him now followed by a great crowd, walking between two thieves, and staggering under that heavy cross, weak from the loss of blood. Hark! Hear the cry of that hooting populace, "Away with Him, away with Him." I see them now lay Him upon the cross, and see the soldiers mercilessly driving the cruel nails into those blessed hands and feet. Then I see them lift him up and plant the cross in the ground. Sinner, behold that scene! Look at the wounded, suffering Saviour hanging there for your transgressions. Can you not love that Jesus? Hark! A cry! Listen! "Forgive them, Lord, for they know not what they do." In the midst of their cruel torture His heart was breaking with pity for His persecutors. Hark! He speaks His last words! "It is finished." The Divine soul leaves the tortured body, leaves earth, and Jesus is again with His Father in glory. "It is finished." Yes, the salvation of man has been wrought out. The Divine suffering for the sins of the world was completed. My friends, can you witness that death scene unmoved? Do you tell me that you cannot love that Saviour? Do you tell me that you'd rather be His enemy than His friend? Sinner, look again but one moment at that grave, at that dead Saviour who descended into it that He might rob death of its sting and the grave of its victory. Can you refuse to accept Him as your Saviour? May Jesus of Nazareth come into your hearts to-day, and soften and purify, and ennoble, that you may learn to love Him. After prayer the congregation sang "There is a fountain filled with blood," and the benediction was pronounced.

THE EVENING SERVICES.

The large hall was crowded to overflowing at the evening services. Mr. Moody, as usual, preached substantially the same sermon as at the women's meeting. After prayer by Rev. Dr. Plummer, the congregation sang "Just as I am," and the benediction was then pronounced.

Tickets for the Thursday and Friday meetings can be had each day from 10 A. M. to 10 P. M. upon application at the Twenty-sixth street entrance to the Hippodrome.

SAVING FAITH.

SERMON BY REV. CHAUNCEY GILES IN THE NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Giles preached yesterday in the New Jerusalem Church, (Swedenborgian,) in Thirty-fifth street, between Lexington and Park avenues, on "Saving Faith," from the text: "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me hath everlasting life. * * * I am that bread of life." John vi., 47, 48. The preacher cited the frequent declarations respecting faith and its importance in the Word, and briefly stated the common belief as taught by the evangelical churches regarding saving faith, continuing substantially as follows: Saving faith, as we understand it, does not differ in principle from any faith. There is no more mystery in its operations than there is in any act of the mind or of the body. Its effects are produced according to universal laws of Divine order. Two factors compose it—truth, and the action of the mind in the reception of truth. It requires both to constitute faith. When they are united in act the product is salvation. The principle is perfectly illustrated by our natural sight. The light must flow into the eye and the eye must receive it. The resulting activity is sight. The eye cannot see of itself, nor can light communicate the power of vision to any other form than the eye. When truth is presented to the mind, and it receives it, the result is belief, faith. If truth is a constituent of faith, it follows that there can be no faith without it. How can one believe that of which he has no knowledge? Faith depends upon knowledge; not necessarily upon direct and positive knowledge from our own observation, but knowledge of the character of the person who makes the statement, and of the probabilities from what we do know of the nature of the case, that the statement is possible. It is simply impossible to have any belief or disbelief upon any subject concerning which we have no knowledge. Since, therefore, faith is the reception of truth into the mind, whatever the subject may be, implying mental action as well as the truth itself, we may be able to see what saving faith is. Let us keep in mind that saving faith is the same principle in every form and degree, to whatever it may relate. It applies to our bodies as well as to our souls, to business as well as to salvation. You buy because you believe you can sell at a profit. When you are sick you employ a physician and take his remedies because you believe he can cure. If he has a perfect knowledge of your disease and knows what remedies to prescribe, your faith in him will save you from physical disease and death, in the same way and in the same sense that spiritual faith saves you. The faith that saves us from our sins is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It the Bible teaches anything on this subject, it teaches that, and it teaches it over and over again. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." "This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent." The writings of the Apostles are full of the same declarations—"I live by faith in the Son of God." "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." "He that hath the Son hath life; but he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." Then there are such expressions as—"The righteousness of God comes by faith in Jesus Christ. * * * We are justified by the faith of Jesus Christ." To this faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is attributed release from condemnation, resurrection, justification, salvation, righteousness, and eternal life. Saving faith, then, is faith in the Lord God the Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is not said we must believe in the Father. Indeed, our Lord Himself declares that such a belief is not of a nature to save man. He says: "No one hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him." "No one cometh to the Father but by me." "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father." By this is meant that we can form no idea of God as He is in Himself, and therefore He cannot be an object of knowledge and consequently of saving faith. It is only as He is revealed to us in His divine humanity that we can come into a saving knowledge of Him. Saving faith is not the bare acknowledgment of the existence of God, or of the divinity of Jesus Christ. We may acknowledge both without deriving any saving benefit from it. We may acknowledge that there is a physician somewhere who would cure us, but if we cannot make our case known to him and be caused direct access to us our fate cannot help us. So it is with our relations to the Lord. We cannot get access to an intangible, abstract, infinite essence. There is nothing for our thought to take hold upon. There is nothing to create faith and awaken affection. There is no way to bring the divine power to bear upon us. Our faith stops with the mere acknowledgment of its existence. Neither can God in His essential, unclothed divinity approach us. We cannot look steadily at the unveiled brightness of the material sun without being blinded. How, then, can we look upon His face whose countenance is like lightning—which flames with a brightness which outshines all the suns in the universe concentrated in one? "God out of Christ is a consuming fire," not because He is angry with man, and will have no communication with him except for the sake of and through a third party. It is because His divine truth, which is the essential form of power, is so intense in its activities, that if brought to bear directly upon man it would consume him quicker than a stroke of lightning. It must be modified, tempered, and adapted to man's estate as "He tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," as He adjusts and fits the light to the eye, the pressure of the atmosphere to the body, and all things to each and each to all. Jehovah, the Father, the essential Divine, could not come to man and become a distinct object of thought and affection in any other way than by clothing His divine with a human nature which nature is the Son of God; not a distinct person from Him, but a lower degree of Himself, a medium by which he can approach man, and man approach Him in thought and affection and thus gain a belief in Him which should be a saving faith. God has revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ, in the same way that man reveals himself, his thought, and affection, to others by means of his material body. The reason why we must believe in the Lord Jesus Christ is because it is through the humanity alone we gain any correct idea of God, and he can bring His divine power to bear on us to save us. There is nothing exceptional or mystical or miraculous about it. The way to obtain belief in the Lord is to learn the truth about Him. It cannot be gained by prayer, by urgency, by fear, or by mere force of willing. It is the gift of God, as faith on any subject is, and just as much His gift in one case as the other, and no more. Prayer, force of will, or friends may help, but only in one way—in presenting motives and giving assistance in learning the truth. "Faith is formed by man's approaching the Lord, learning truths from the Word, and living according to them." We must approach the Lord, because faith is derived from Him and it is directed to Him. Here the principle does not differ from that involved in forming faith on any subject. Faith is formed by learning truths from the Word. Faith in its essence is truth, for all things that enter into its composition are truths. "Faith is nothing but a complex of truths shining in the human mind, for truths teach not only that we must believe, but, also, in whom we are to believe, and what we are to believe," and the way to obtain spiritual faith does not differ in principle from the way to obtain natural faith. Truths concerning the Lord, on which saving faith is based, must be learned from the Bible, because in their origin they all come from there. One reason why men have so little faith in the Lord is that they know so little about him. Much of the theological teaching about Him is false, or so contradictory that honest minds become confused and with difficulty gain any certain or satisfactory knowledge. God is represented as three persons in one—three divine beings, each having a distinct personality performing a distinct office, and yet there is only one. The divine character is also represented as composed of the most contradictory elements. The Lord loves and hates; He is mercy itself, and yet He punishes with unrelenting fury. The Father is so just that He cannot forgive the sinner unless somebody is punished. But if the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are each divine and each embodies the divine perfections, of which justice is one, as it is said to be of the Father, why should not justice also be the same in the Son and the Holy Spirit, and why should not each show his love for the sinner by being willing to sacrifice the others for him, and why should not the justice of each one demand that the other should suffer? These doctrines cannot be understood, it is said; they are mysterious. They must be accepted by faith. That is, we must believe that of which we have no knowledge. We must believe because we cannot understand. Thus faith is first deprived of all the elements which constitute it, the possibility of its existence is taken away, and then the sinner is required to exercise it. This is a worse task than the Egyptians imposed on the Israelites.

We must not only learn truths from the Word, but live according to them. The farmer may have undoubting faith, founded on accurate knowledge, that a certain piece of ground will produce wheat. He knows how to prepare the ground, when to sow his seed, and he may know also that if he does not sow his field he and his family may suffer hunger. But his knowledge will not serve him unless he puts it in practice. You all know the way to your homes, but unless you put your knowledge in practice step by step you will never reach them. So it is in spiritual things. We are sinners, and sin is a violation of the laws of our being. The only way we can be saved from our sins is to learn those laws and live according to them. A faith that falls short of action is utterly powerless. It lacks the saving element. Faith becomes saving when we live according to the commandments, which compose it. The ten commandments are the summary of all true faith. "If thou wouldst enter into life," our Lord Himself said, "keep the commandments." He never gave any other directions. Keeping the commandments is eating His flesh and drinking His blood. Keeping the commandments is believing in Him, and there is no other belief that will ever save any one."

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

FIRE IN THE NEW-YORK CLUB-HOUSE

NARROW ESCAPE OF A SERVANT—LOSS $30,000, MOSTLY BY WATER.

The New-York Club-house, Nos. 1 and 3 West Twenty-fifth street, at the junction of Fifth avenue and Broadway, was partially destroyed by fire last night. The club is probably the oldest social organization in the City, its charter reaching back as far as 1845. Many years ago the club had its rooms in Broadway, near Eighth street; then they moved to the Haight House, and subsequently obtained the lease of a mansion in Fifth avenue, near Thirty-second street, which they left a year ago to occupy the building burned last night. The present officers of the club are Fred E. Gilbert, President; Fred M. Jones, Vice President; Robert M. McJimsey, Treasurer; John Schuyler, Secretary, and William L. Garrison, William L. Vandervoort, H. R. Moore, James M. McLean, George W. Cottrell, R. C. Livingston, William T. Garner, Juan Barcelo, and Charles C. Edy, Directors. The building burned last night was one of the most prominent in the City. It is a brown-stone five-story edifice filling the delta formed by the junction of Broadway and Fifth avenue. In former years it was known as the Worth House, a first-class family hotel, and a favorite resort for Southerners, and the private residence of Edward S. Stokes. Then Messrs. George W. Carleton & Co., the book publishers, used the building for a short time, and on their surrendering it it was occupied by a Southern lady as a private boarding-house, after which the New-York Club took possession of it. Some months ago the club, which numbers some two hundred and fifty members, had the interior of the house completely fitted up, and the ceilings handsomely frescoed. The fire last night is supposed to have originated in the basement, which is now used as the kitchen, by the overboiling of some fat on the range. As in the case of the Fifth Avenue Hotel fire, the mischief was done by a dumb-waiter or elevator running from the kitchen to the top of the house. Up this wooden shaft the fire sped with startling rapidity, and siezed upon the servants' quarters in the attic of the building. Elizabeth Mulligan, one of the scrubbing-women, who was in the laundry, became confused and ran on the roof. By this time, 9:30 o'clock, the square in front of the Fifth Avenue Hotel was filled with persons assembled to see the fire. The flames bursting through the roof, approached the woman Mulligan, who screamed for aid. The firemen under Chief Engineer Bates raised a ladder, which, however, failed to reach the roof, and it seemed as if the unfortunate woman was doomed to meet a horrible death. Police Commissioner Voorhis and Detective Thompson, with a citizen named F. W. Weman, gained the roof of Mr. Abner Mellen's residence, No. 204 Fifth avenue, and, creeping over the tiles, rescued the woman from her imminent peril. It was found that, although not burned, she was suffering badly from inhalation of smoke, and she was removed to the Hoffman House, where she was attended by Deputy Coroner Marsh, who ordered her removal to the hospital. By this time a second and third alarm had been sent out by Chief Engineer Bates, and the entire available force of the department concentrated at the scene of the fire. An extra force of Police officers, under the command of Capt. Steers, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, and Inspector McDermott, kept back the crowds in the street, which had by this time swelled into vast numbers. Owing to the quantity of woodwork in the upper floors of the building, it was feared that a dangerous conflagration would ensue, but happily such was not the case. The flames were subdued after two hours of unremitting labor on the part of the firemen, and at 11 o'clock the fire was pronounced under control. The damage is principally by water. The upper floor is almost completely destroyed, but the remainder of the building is comparatively uninjured, as the third and fourth floors the bedrooms of some of the members were slightly damaged by fire and smoke. The entire building, however, was deluged with water, and it was a fortunate circumstance that the greater portion of the furniture had been covered up by the Fire Insurance Patrol, and so preserved comparatively uninjured. The total damage from the fire is roughly estimated at $30,000, which is fully covered by insurance. The building, which is owned by W. W. Stevenson, was erected in 1856, and is fully insured.

The following note was received by the officers of the New-York Club while the fire was in progress:

Compliments of the "Paletto" to the New-York Club, extending to them the use of our house until such time as yours will again be ready for occupancy.

THE FRUITS OF EXTRAVAGANCE.

AN AUCTIONEER SUDDENLY DISAPPEARS—HIS BOOKS SHOW HIM TO BE A DEFAULTER.

The residents of the village of Roselle, on the New-Jersey Central Railroad, were somewhat surprised by the mysterious disappearance, about two monahs ago, of William A. Wakefield, a prominent member of Roselle society. Mr. Wakefield was veritably the lion of the social circle, and no fête or reception was considered complete without his presence. He owned a beautiful dwelling, surrounded by large grounds, on which he expended large sums of money. The house was furnished in an elaborate manner. His wife was one of the leaders in fashionable society, and her costumes were models of the dressmaker's art. Where the money came from to support this extravagant display seemed to puzzle the gossips. It was known that Wakefield was connected with the auction house of Townsend, Montant & Co., of No. 81 Leonard street, and it was supposed that besides his large salary he received a share in the profits. He lived at the rate of about twenty-five thousand dollars a year. He was very attentive to business, and the fact that he would always go to his office on holidays was often remarked by his friends. At the beginning of this year, when the firm was making up the balance sheet, it was noticed that Mr. Wakefield was very nervous, and showed a great deal of anxiety, which he tried to conceal by indulging in strong drink. It is said that one morning he left his desk to get a drink and did not return. Suspicion was at once aroused, and his books, upon being examined, showed that he was a defaulter. It was reported that his defalcation amounted to $30,000, but a member of the firm states that it does not amount to one-sixth of that sum; that they had wiped the matter off their books, and had made no efforts to prosecute or arrest him. He had fled to England, where he was when last heard from. It is the opinion of some of his intimate friends that, if his defalcation was as small as stated, he would not have fled. His wife and children are still at Roselle, and great sympathy is expressed for them. His property has been attached by a number of creditors, but not by the auction firm.

ARREST OF A NOTORIOUS PANEL-THIEF.

Detectives Titus and Thompson, of the Central Office, while on Sixth avenue, near Twentieth street, on Saturday, saw the notorious Mollie Holbrook walking down the avenue in company with an elderly female of suspicious appearance. The detectives at once decided to arrest both, and did so. While walking along the avenue, Detective Thompson noticed a movement of Mollie Holbrook's foot, and, looking behind, saw a ladies' new hat, which she had evidently dropped from under her skirt. From a label inside the hat, Detective Thompson ascertained that it had been stolen from E. O'Niell's store, in Sixth avenue. Yesterday morning Mollie Holbrook and her companion were arraigned before Justice Kilbreth, at the Washington Place Police Court. She gave her name as Annie Williams, of No. 22 Clinton street, and her companion, who is unknown to the Police, said her name was Mary King, and that she lived at No. 25 Sheriff street. Both names and addresses were fictitious. Mollie Holbrook is one of the most accomplished shoplifters and panel-thieves in the country. In 1874 she was arrested in this City by Detective Dusenbury and surrendered to Detective Miller, of Chicago, to answer a charge of panel robbery by which a prominent Illinois politician was plundered of nearly fifty thousand dollars in railroad bonds. Detective Miller very foolishly brought her back by way of Canada, and as soon as they were on Canadian soil she demanded the protection of the British Government, and was released, there being no extradition treaty between this country and Canada for larceny. She was subsequently arrested, however, and taken to Chicago, but was again released, the complainant having left the country. Having been remanded by Justice Kilbreth, Molly Holbrook and the other prisoner, who is thought to be a French Canadian, will be arraigned to-day at the Washington Place Court.

BURGLARS ARRESTED.

Officer Schlessner, of the Seventeenth Precinct, made a clever arrest of two notorious burglars Saturday night. While on patrol the officer saw two men wrenching open the door of J. Mescharbauer's newspaper stand, No. 385 Bowery, and at once gave chase to them. The burglars fled through Third street, and finding they were outrunning him, the officer drew his revolver and fired four shots. One of the burglars stopped in his flight, and drawing a revolver, fired at the officer. By this time the noise of the firing had brought other officers to the scene, and after a desperate chase the burglars were arrested on the corner of Avenue A. They gave their names as Thomas Curtis, aged nineteen, and William Johnson, aged twenty, but both were identified as well-known thieves. On being arraigned at the Essex Market Police Court yesterday they were fully committed for trial.

Officer Schwanwecker, of the Seventeenth Precinct, saw three men named George W. Russell, John Evans, and Thomas Murrat hanging around the liquor saloon of Christian Cornelisen, No. 23 Third avenue, and in a few minutes heard a window broken. The thieves were about raising the sash to enter the saloon when the officer surprised them. In their flight they threw away a chisel, "jimmy," and a bunch of skeleton keys. Officer Schwanwecker gave chase, sending out an alarm as he went, and Officer Walton joining in the pursuit, the prisoners were finally captured. On being arraigned before Justice Kasmire yesterday they were fully committed for trial.

HISTORY OF AN OLD CHURCH.

THE REMOVAL UP-TOWN OF THE GREENE STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—THE SERVICES YESTERDAY.

The Greene Street Methodist Episcopal Church bade farewell to the edifice in which it has worshiped for over forty years, and will hereafter hold all of its services in what has been known as the Dutch Church in Washington square. The Greene Street Methodist Church is one of the oldest in New-York. It had its origin in 1829, during a season of great religious interest so powerful and widespreading that the seating accommodations of existing churches were altogether inadequate. The central portion of the City was especially deficient in church accommodations, and a party of twenty persons, members of different churches, agreed to become responsible for a hall for regular Sunday services in that portion of the City. Broadway Hall, situated in Broadway, between Howard and Grand streets was rented for $500 a year, and the meetings held there were the germ of the Greene Street Church, which was built in 1831 and 1832, Jacob Bunting and John Carr being the contractors. The cost of the church was $15,050. The church was dedicated on Good Friday night, 1832. It soon became large and influential in its membership, and very many of its members have attained to prominence and power in the denomination and in the public history of the country. When built, the church was the most central in the City, and was regarded as the great temple of the denomination. It was peculiarly adapted to the accommodation of large gatherings, having seating capacity for over twelve hundred. It was at a conference of the Methodist body of the United States held with this church that the division in the church was inaugurated that gave an existence and a name to the Methodist Church South. It will be remembered that the splitting stone was the question of slavery. At this same conference Bishop E. R. Janes, the present Bishop of the Methodist Church, was chosen. It was the Greene Street Church which broke up the custom that formerly prevailed in the denomination of separating males from females in the various meetings. During its existence of forty-four years the church has had a score or more of pastors. Among the most celebrated are Bishop R. S. Foster, Rev. J. S. Inskip, the famous evangelist now of Philadelphia, and Bishop Jesse T. Peck. The present Pastor is Rev. J. A. Edmonds. During the last six or eight years the membership of the church has decreased in numbers very rapidly, owing to the up-town movement of residences, and two years ago the Duane Methodist Church, which has suffered similarly, was joined with it, the two churches employing one Pastor, and worshiping as one church. For a long time the church has recognized the imperative demand for a change of location, but it was not till a month ago that the way was open to make the change. Within that time the entire property on Greene street has been disposed of for $100,000, and will be torn down to make room for a business block. The Washington Square Church, formerly occupied by Dr. Hutton's congregation, has been purchased by the Greene Street Church, and will be occupied as soon as necessary repairs can be made. It will be hereafter known as the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church. The abandonment of the Greene Street Church edifice yesterday was solemnized by appropriate services, and was the occasion of a general reunion of the former Pastors and members of the church. In the morning a sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. John M. Reed, Missionary Secretary. Bishop Foster was announced to speak, but was detained by sickness in his family. Communion followed, Bishop Harris officiating. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon there was a Sabbath-school meeting, conducted by Rev. Joseph Longking. At 3 o'clock there was a reunion of the Young People's Prayer-meeting. Rev. Angelo Ostrander presided. In the evening a sermon was preached by Rev. A. K. Sanford, an ex-Pastor of the church. The service closed with a love feast, conducted by Rev. E. S. Osbon.

A CHURCH IN A STATE OF SIEGE.

In the African Methodist Episcopal Church, in Fleet street, Brooklyn, action was taken recently, resulting in the expulsion of Simon King, one of the Trustees. King then attempted unsuccess. fully to obtain his reinstatement by legal process. Subsequently three other Trustees, who had opposed the right of the Pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Boulaugh Murray, to take part in the Trustees' meetings, were expelled, and they and their friends have since endeavored to get possession of the church building and eject the Pastor and the Trustees who side with him. In order to prevent this, the Pastor took up his residence in the church last Monday, and has remained there ever since. Yesterday morning the opposing Trustees and their friends tried to enter the church and take possession of it and eject the Pastor and his friends, who comprise most of the female members of the flock. A severe struggle ensued, and the invading force became so demonstrative that they threw one of the sisters who sided with the Pastor into the street, and threatened to take the Pastor's life. A squad of Police from the First Precinct, under command of Sergt. Eason, soon arrived at the scene of action, and order was restored and maintained during the afternoon and evening services, which were attended only by the Parson's friends.

THE GERMAN CENTENNIAL FESTIVAL.

The Centennial Sangerverbund are still working diligently in their preparations for the three days' festival, to commence with the grand concert on Sunday evening, July 2, and which is to embrace a grand torchlight procession on Monday night, and a Volksfest at Jones Wood on the Fourth. Another meeting was held yesterday in the hall of the Arion Society. All of the members were present, and considerable business of importance was transacted. The Music Committee reported that the following gentlemen were now at work, as judges, to make a selection from twenty-four compositions submitted by musicians, both in this country and in Europe, for the prize of $500 which is to be given for the best one: Theodore Thomas, A. Paur, J. Mosenthal, S. P. Warren, and Adolph Neuendorf. They also report that they have distributed 500 copies of each of the eleven songs which make up the programme for the festivals among the different societies who are to take part in them. The Finance Committee have been furnished with $2,000 for current expenses, supplied by the representatives of the different societies. A committee was appointed to meet a body of citizens selected as representatives of the German and English-speaking people respectively, to confer as to the proper course to take with regard to making the torch-light procession a general celebration. A number of prominent citizens, who have been spoken to on the subject, express themselves as favoring such a conference.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Thomas Halloran, a coffee roaster, of No. 36 Washington street, discovered Patrick McCarthy, residing in the same house, in the act of picking his pocket about three years ago. Since that time a deadly enmity has existed between the men. Yesterday morning Halloran, in company with a friend, named Donnelly, was playing cards in Schroeder's beer saloon, No. 92 Washington street, when McCarthy, in company with Michael Cullen, of No. 378 Washington street, a man named Regan, and another, entered the place, and forced a quarrel, during which McCarthy stabbed Halloran in the neck, inflicting a severe wound. McCarth was arrested at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and while O'Halloran was going home he was again attacked by Cullen and the remainder of the gang. He drew a small "Defiance" revolver, and fired four shots at Cullen, three of which took effect, one in the muscular tissue overlying the abodomen, and two in the gluteal region, inflicting slight wounds. All the parties to the affair were locked up in the Church Street Station, and will be arraigned at the Tombs to-day.

BURGLARY IN CHATHAM STREET.

Between 6 P. M. Saturday and 8 A. M. Sunday, burglars forced their way through the scuttle of the building Nos. 154 and 156 Chatham street into the cigar manufactory of Charles Kansler. They removed 8,000 cigars, valued at $618, by carrying them over the roof and through the hallway of No. 3 Mulberry street. About 9 A. M. Officer Kelly, of the Sixth Precinct, arrested John Wilkinson, a printer, residing at No. 5 Mulberry street, whom he found asleep in a room in which about seven thousand of the stolen cigars were scattered about the floor. The Police subsequently arrested Denis Halloran, aged thirty, a laborer, residing at No. 61 Mott-street; John Kearns, aged twenty, a clerk, residing at No. 76 Pearl street, and Michael O'Neils, aged forty, a laborer, of No. 3 Mulberry street, all of whom are said to have been implicated in the burglary. The prisoners were locked up in the Franklin Street Station-house and will be taken to court this morning.

MUSIC ON STATEN ISLAND.

A large number of prominent Staten Islanders recently formed themselves into a Philharmonic Society, with a view to engaging good musical talent and giving entertainments in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association. This organization embraces in its membership many of the names well known in literary, financial, and mercantile circles, among which are George William Curtis, Hon. Erastus Brooks, Sydney Howard Gay, Robert B. Minturn, Richard Delafield, Gustav Heineken, Robert Rayner, and H. M. Congdon. The first concert was held some time ago, and was a decided success. The next concert is set down for Friday of this week, and the programme embraces the following gentlemen: S. B. Mills, Joseph White, Adolph Sohst, Hermann Brandt, Charles Werner, J. Risch, and W. Mildner.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

NEW-YORK.

Grace Barnes, aged thirty, of No. 263 West Thirtieth street, was dangerously burned by the explosion of a kerosene-oil lamp yesterday morning.

During a fight at the corner of Grand and Mangin streets yesterday morning, William McCormick, of No. 22 Broome street, was badly cut about the head by some unknown persons.

At a meeting of the Columbia College Boat Club on Friday night, a disagreement occurred, and several of the crew of '75 resigned. A new crew was formed, Mr. Barnard of the college Freshman Class, being chosen captain and stroke.

At the Tombs Police Court, a sailor named William Lane, belonging to the steamer Rhein, was charged yesterday with stealing a watch and chain, valued $100, from a messmate named Anton Guscar. The proof was insufficient, and the prisoner was discharged.

Thomas Fleming, of No. 420 East Twentieth street, was arraigned at the Fifty-seventh Street Police Court yesterday on a charge of having on Saturday night stabbed his brother, James Fleming, in the cheek with a pocket knife. He was held to answer in $1,000 bail.

Annie Brown, (colored,) aged thirty, died suddenly on the second floor of No. 1,425 Third avenue on Tuesday last, and her body still remains there, her husband being unable to raise funds for her burial. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction will bury her in the Potter's Field this afternoon.

Charles Coulter, of No. 327 East Thirty-third street, was arraigned at the Fifty-seventh street Police Court yesterday, on a charge preferred by his father, William Coulter, who stated that he had struck him in the face, knocking him down, and then kicked him in various parts of the body. Justice Murray committed him to answer in default of $1,000.

Henry Hardtner, of No. 333 East Twenty-fifth street, was taken before Justice Murray at the Fifty-seventh Street Police Court yesterday, charged with having beaten Elizabeth Hardtner, his daughter, aged seven years, with a whip. It having appeared that the father's cruelty was caused by excessive drinking, Justice Murray administered the pledge and then discharged him.

Capt. McCullagh, of the Seventeenth Precinct, informed Superintendent Walling yesterday that an impostor giving the name of James Crawford was collecting fees as an Inspector of Weights and Meas res, and had swindled Henry Kurer, of No. 94 Avenue B, and Henry Lewis, of No. 112 Avenue B. A general order was issued by the Superintendent for Crawford's arrest.

William Maloney and his wife Alice quarreled at their residence, No. 38 Mulberry street, yesterday morning, when Mrs. Maloney, assisted by Miss Julia Donaghue, threw a kettle of boiling water over her husband, scalding him so severely that his removal to the Chambers Street Hospital was deemed necessary. The women were arraigned at the Tombs Police Court yesterday morning, and held for trial.

Valentine Kalteissen, a young machinist, committed suicide in his boarding-house, No. 317 West Forty-first street, Saturday evening, under peculiarly distressing circumstances. He was a first-class workman, but some months ago strained himself, and was attacked with consumption. The knowledge that he was so afflicted rendered him very despondent, and although on Saturday morning he joked with another resident of the house about going to work, he locked his room door and shot himself through the breast with a revolver.

BROOKLYN.

Emil Teichert, a jeweler, of No. 506 Grand street, has been held to answer a charge of constructive larceny, in converting to his own use three gold rings intrusted to him to repair.

William Palmer, of No. 14 Charles street, was arrested Saturday last on a charge of stealing a sewing-machine, worth $70, from Charles Smith, of the corner of Pacific and Franklin streets.

Elizabeth Grinn, aged forty-five years, of No. 841 Park avenue, was severely burned about the body yesterday, the result of the explosion of a kerosene lamp. The injuries terminated fatally a few hours afterward.

The Police made a descent on an alleged disorderly house at No. 139 Nineteenth street yesterday morning, and arrested Annie Martin, Nelly Griffin, and John F. Daly, a contractor, and Frank Mooney, a conductor.

John Taggart, of No. 122 North Third street, was arrested by Detective Holland yesterday morning on the charge of stealing $230 from Edward Cain, in the liquor store of Edward Nugent, corner of Grand and Fifth streets.

James Haggerty, of the corner of Columbia and Verona streets, was severely scalded about the abdomen and legs yesterday morning, by the accidental upsetting of a kettle of boiling water in the liquor saloon of John Hickey, at No. 382 Columbia street.

It is expected that D. P. Rogers, the absconding Teller of the Fulton Bank, will arrive in Brooklyn to-